



NEW TESTAMENT • PAULINE LETTERS

1 Corinthians

A divided church learns cruciform love.

AUTHORSHIP • Paul.

DATE & CONTEXT • About AD 53–55.

The big picture

Paul addresses a gifted but fractured church. Arguments over leaders, sexual conduct, lawsuits, worship, and spiritual gifts reveal a community forgetting the shape of the cross. Freedom must serve a neighbor rather than protect personal status. Love gives gifts their proper purpose. The resurrection of Jesus grounds Christian hope and makes faithful work meaningful even when it seems unnoticed.

Words to carry

“Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up”

1 Corinthians 13:4 • KJV

Live it

01 Choose the good of a neighbor over winning a minor argument.

02 Use one ability to strengthen someone else.

03 Read the whole of chapter 13 as a description of daily conduct.

Pause & reflect

Where am I using freedom without considering another person’s good?

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