

# The Sticky Stuff: Sticking Together through Spiritual Imbalance

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For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all.

1 Corinthians 9:19 ESV

I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:22-23 ESV

What do my posture and actions communicate about who God is?

Principle: Open up your heart ✓

Posture: I am for ✓ you

For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it – though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting.

2 Corinthians 7:8-9 ESV

God is full of grace and truth ✓ .

Principle: Close your mouth ✓

Posture: I am not God ✓

God is in control ✓ .

Principle: Use your freedom ✓ to free others

Posture: My freedom is a gift ✓ to others

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know.

1 Corinthians 8:1-2 ESV

But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

1 Corinthians 8:9 ESV

God meets us where we are at ✓ .

Principle: God's work in others  may look different than God's work in you 


Posture: I will celebrate growth 

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided?

1 Corinthians 1:10-13 ESV

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 ESV

God is bigger than the box we put Him in  .

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What relationships did God bring to your mind during the message today?  
What is one posture change you feel God is leading you to in these relationships?
2. The idea of spiritual imbalances can be scary or frustrating at first. What perspective change could help the peace of God rule in your heart in the midst of a current relationship you have?