

## Sunday – April 8, 2018

### Pastor David Higa Seeking to Edify 1 Corinthians 10:1-33

*All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify. Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being. [1 Corinthians 10:23-24]*

Seeking to edify comes from a desire to serve others; a desire to serve others comes from a desire to serve the Lord; and a desire to serve the Lord comes from the Spirit's work within. This Spirit-filled chain of ministry is vital for the church, and is vital for the Christian to be a part of.

In Chapters 8-9 Paul instructed believers to be sensitive to others' convictions. He highlighted the issue of clean and unclean foods, but the matter of liberty and sensitivity to conscience goes beyond food. The real issue is exercising Christian liberty *within the bounds of love*. "Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies." [1 Cor 8:1] It is greater to show love than to show knowledge. It is a greater experience to be loved than to be given knowledge. It is not that knowledge is bad; it is just that true godly knowledge is clothed in love. Knowledge alone is just a "clanging symbol" [cf. 1 Cor 13:1]

This morning we continue the topic of Christian liberty and being sensitive to conscience. In Chapter 9 Paul gave his own personal example, and how he bypassed privileges as an apostle to not stumble a weaker brother. In Chapter 10, we see a negative example. Paul warns of the mistakes that the children of Israel made in the wilderness. "All were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses ...all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink," but "with most of them God was not pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness." [1 Cor 10:5]

Is it possible to receive God's grace, His covering and direction; to be baptized, to partake of His spiritual food and drink, *and still not live lives that are pleasing to Him?* A sobering question indeed! Paul warned, "These things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come." [1 Cor 10:11]

The warning is for us, the church. We must be wise [and loving] with our freedom in Christ. "All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify." This is a good word for us to ponder.

## Weekly Ministries:

**Sun Morning Services** – at Rosemont ES w/ Spanish translation.  
7:30 am  
9:30 am with Children's ministry.  
11:30 am with Children's ministry & Teens ministry [6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades].

**Sun Evening Service** – HT Office. *1-2 Samuel*.  
6:30 pm with Children's ministry.

**Mon Evening Men's Fellowship** – at HT Church Office.  
6:30 pm Bible Study in Exodus.

**Tue Evening Ladies Fellowship** – at HT Church Office.  
7:00 pm Bible study discussing Sun sermons in 1 Corinthians.

**Wed Afternoon Elderly Ministry** – at Hollywood Royale.  
3:30 pm See Carl for details.

**Wed Evening Service** – at Rosemont ES with Children's ministry.  
7:30 pm Old Testament Bible Study – *2 Kings*.

**Sat Afternoon Elderly Ministry** – at City View Villas.  
2:00 pm See Carl for details.

## Worship Services:

**Sundays at 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.**  
**Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.**

Rosemont Avenue Elementary School  
421 N. Rosemont Ave., Los Angeles, 90026

**Sunday Evening at 6:30 p.m.**  
Church Office - The Hidden Treasure Bookshop  
1822 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, 90026

## Announcements

### Fellowship for Everyone!

We host several small group fellowships and Bible studies throughout the week. Be involved and be blessed!

- **Monday Men's Fellowship** – Our men meet Mon evenings at 6:30 pm at our HT church office. They are beginning a new study in Exodus. Please see Sal for details.
- **Tuesday Ladies Fellowship** – Our ladies meet Tue evenings at 7 pm at our HT church office. The ladies are currently studying 1 Corinthians along with the Sun morning teachings of Pastor David. See Sandra or Arlene for details.
- **Wednesday Evening Service** – Our midweek study of the Old Testament is every Wed evening at 7:30 pm right here at the Rosemont auditorium. We are currently studying 2 Kings.



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**Daily Bible Reading** 04/09 – 04/15: 2 Samuel 16 – 1 Kings 9.  
Reading plan at Info Table.

**Spanish Translation** is available during our services using small remote earpiece units. Please come to the Information Table.

**Prayer Requests:** We are available for prayer right after the service or you can fill out a **PrayerCard** and drop it in the offering box.

As a courtesy, please turn off cell phones and pagers during service.