

## Boundaries

### Defeating Resistance to Boundaries

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Through Christ, I am free of the \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

...I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible... <sup>23</sup> I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings... <sup>27</sup> No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. 1 Corinthians 9:19b, 23, 27, NIV

I may choose to be a \_\_\_\_\_, but I do this only after I am crystal clear about my God-given \_\_\_\_\_ in life.

<sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. 1 Corinthians 9:20-22, NIV

1. Paul had few \_\_\_\_\_ in the areas of his life that were most \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Despite \_\_\_\_\_ himself and giving his best efforts, Paul still encountered much \_\_\_\_\_.

People and efforts to which Paul said "No"...

<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:24, NIV

<sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. Philippians 3:8-9, NIV

Once I know my \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_, I will stay in it and run to keep the \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ is the prize.

- ✓ He gives me \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ purposes.
- ✓ He also gives me \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ purposes.

<sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. 1 Corinthians 15:10, NIV

<sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. <sup>27</sup> No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. 1 Corinthians 9:25-27, NIV

Defeating resistance to boundaries requires God's \_\_\_\_\_. It also requires our focused, diligent & persistent \_\_\_\_\_.

#### MEMORY VERSE

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My **next step:** I will refocus my life on the grand purposes of winning souls, grasping the gospel and keeping Jesus close.

What's your next step today?  
Mark it on your Communication Card.



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**Let's Get Started:** What is an award or special recognition you have received in your life?

### Back to Sunday:

In 1 Corinthians 9:1&19 Paul boasts about his freedom. What does it mean when God says that you are free?

Paul made changes in his life to reach people. Consider the questions below and changes we can make.

1. Who is the group of people we are trying to reach?
2. What are the changes we may want to consider?
3. What are things that we refuse to change?

Why are focus and self-discipline something that are essential as a Christian draws boundaries?

### Digging Into God's Word:

**Read** 1 John 4 as a group.

**Highlight** the verses that stick out to you.

**Share** first impressions with the group.

**1 John 4:1-3** It is a sad reality that there are those who stand in opposition to Jesus Christ and want to do destroy all that he has done. Denying “Jesus has come in the flesh” means to deny all that Jesus did as true God and true man. What are these people denying?

Why does it rip the heart out of Christianity?

**1 John 4:7-12** Explain what “God is love” means.

Why is it **not truly love** that we love God, but **it is truly love** that God loves us?

How is our love for one another going to be different from our love for God?

**1 John 4:16** How can/do you rely on God’s love everyday?

**1 John 4:18** How does Jesus’ love drive out fear?

Share a way someone’s love drove out fear in your heart or a time your love drove out fear in someone else’s heart.

### Taking it Home:

How does our 1 John lesson on love apply to a Sunday message on outreach?

What do you think is the most effective way that CrossWalk can reach new people or new groups of people with the gospel?

On a scale of 1-10 grade yourself as a witness for Christ. Consider a boundary you can change or love that you can show that can help you raise that number. Share the change you are going to make with the group.

### Close with Prayer