

# THE CORINTHIAN CATASTROPHE

## 1 CORINTHIANS AS A WHOLE:

### 1 Corinthians 1-6: Paul addressing **hidden problems**

**1 Corinthians 1:10** Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions (σχίσματα) among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

**1 Corinthians 1:11** **For it hath been declared unto me** of you (περὶ ὑμῶν), my brethren, by them which are of (ὑπὸ τῶν Χλόης) the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

### 1 Corinthians 7-16: Paul answering **hard questions**

**1 Corinthians 7:1** Now concerning (Περὶ δὲ) the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. **1 Corinthians 7:2** Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

## THE WHOLE PROBLEM OF THE WHOLE CATASTROPHE:

Corinth had many fractures / fault lines → but **primarily** they thought they were unique & could make it up as they go along.

**1 Corinthians 1:1** PAUL, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, **1 Corinthians 1:2** Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: 1 Corinthians 1:3 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Corinthians 4:17** For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways **which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.**

**1 Corinthians 7:17** But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.

**1 Corinthians 11:16** But if any man seem to be contentious, **we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.**

**1 Corinthians 14:33** For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, **as in all churches of the saints.**

**1 Corinthians 14:34** Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, **as also saith the law.**

**1 Corinthians 14:35** And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

**1 Corinthians 14:36** **What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?**

**1 Corinthians 14:37** If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

**1 Corinthians 14:38** But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

**1 Corinthians 16:1** Now concerning the collection for the saints, **as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. 1 Corinthians 16:2** Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

**2 Corinthians 1:1** PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:

**2 Corinthians 1:2** Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

## BASIC, GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

**1 Corinthians 6:12** All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

**1 Corinthians 6:13** Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

**1 Corinthians 10:23** All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

### 0. Avoid slogans at all costs! Are you trusting in slogans?

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## POTENTIAL SLOGANS / CLICHES:

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| That's just the way I am                            | But we love each other                                       |
| But, I'm a _____ (ethnic group)                     | As long as you love each other and no one gets hurt (today?) |
| But Pastor, you just don't know my background       | Love is all you need!                                        |
| You don't understand my background...               | You do you                                                   |
| That's your truth – not mine                        | It is what it is. Whatever                                   |
| I'm so happy they are in a better place (condition) | I know my heart!                                             |
| God wants me to be happy!                           | I deserve this                                               |
| When Mom's not happy, no body is happy              | I owe this to my self                                        |
| The heart wants what the heart wants!               | You deserve a break today!                                   |
| I have peace about it                               |                                                              |
| I prayed about it!                                  | I like him / her / them                                      |
| The Holy Spirit led me                              | I want him / her / them to like me                           |

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| God told me                           | I want to be like him / her / them |
| God opened a door                     |                                    |
| God closed a door but opened a window | Somebody's got to Lotto!           |
| Follow your heart                     | Love wins                          |
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### **THOUGHTS:**

- Beware of slogan / cliches
- Slogans that **eliminate** discussion
- Slogans that **eliminate** the Bible
- Slogans, that by design / default, establish an **unassailable position**
- Slogans that often are **hidden from / unknown to** you (the individual)
- Slogans that are spoken **under one's breath**
- Slogans that are spoken 10,000 times +++ to yourself
- Slogans that **precede & prevent** thought and therefore discussion
- Slogans that are **discussion enders!**
- Slogans that leave you right where you are
- Slogans that only justify you &/ rationalize what you are doing