

TO EMBRACE LOVE

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

There is a _____

How they _____ each other

_____ and _____

Vs. _____ and _____

A related unrelated _____

On the basis of _____

Go _____

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

1st Corinthians is a letter to a church that is hurting. They are hurting themselves and they are hurting others. It's a church at a crossroads, mired in the world they live in and trying to find a way to be faithful to Jesus.

Read 1st Corinthians (take the time)

Reflect

In your reading, try to look for where Paul is encouraging them to love. Why? What was the danger if they didn't? What was the danger if they were indulgent? When does Paul have to walk between these two things? How hard is that?

In chapter 13, Paul tells us that we know in part now – how does that echo what he says in chapter 8, where knowledge (or the presumption of all knowledge) puffs up? He also will say that the greatest thing that remains for us is love. How does that reflect what he looks for in the church?

Respond:

What is the best moment you have experienced of being loved by the people of God? What was the best experience of loving others within the church?

Remember: 1 Cor 8:13

“Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.”