

1 Corinthians 1:1-17 - How to help broken Christians?

1. Have an eternal perspective (v1-9)
2. Face up to worldly problems (v10-16)
3. Embrace the gospel solution (v17)

Big question: What do you say to a church in crisis?

Intro:

- Imagine for a moment that you were conducting a review into St Matthias.
- How we are performing?
- Whether we are achieving our aims of Vision 2022...
- How we are going in reaching, connecting, building and equipping?
- Where would you begin?
- What scale would you use? Or assessment tools?
- And who would you get to do the review?
- A management consultant? A bishop? What about an apostle?
- See that is what is happening in 1 Corinthians.
- The apostle Paul is writing to a church that he founded in Acts 18 and writing to them to review what is going on.
- And you don't have to read far to see that this is **a church in crisis**.

Corinthian church review ... look at the problems.

- **1:10 - divisions, quarrelling**
- **4:18 - arrogance and pride**
- **5:1 - sexuality immorality** - of a kind not tolerated among pagans - sexually licentious city - temple to Aphrodite - goddess of love - a massive red light district; you would imagine that the church would be a beacon of a different way of life; but it is beset by immorality;
- **6:4** dragging each other before the **courts** - before unbelievers;
- **11:17** - not for the better but for the worse...
- **NIV = 'your meetings do more harm than good'**
- This is a church in a mess.
- What would you say?
- Where would you start?

1 科林斯书 1 : 1-17-如何帮助破碎的基督徒?

1. 拥有永恒的视角 (v1-9)
2. 面对世俗的问题 (v10-16)
3. 接受福音解决方案 (v17)

关键问题：您对陷入危机的教堂怎么说？

介绍：

- 想象一下，您正在对圣马蒂亚斯进行考核。
- 我们的表现如何？
- 我们是否正在实现 2022 年愿景的目标.....
- 我们如何达到，连接，建造和装备？
- 您将从哪里开始？
- 您将使用什么标准？还是评估工具？
- 您会请谁来进行考核？
- 管理顾问？主教？或是一位使徒呢？
- 你看那就是在哥林多前书中发生的事情。
- 使徒保罗正在写信给他在使徒行传 18 章中建立的教堂，并写信给他们回顾正在发生的事情。
- 而且您不必读很多就能看到这是一座陷入危机的教堂。

评定哥林多教会...看看这些问题。

- **1:10-分黨，紛爭**
- **4:18-自大傲慢，驕傲**
- **5:1-不道德的性行為** - 連异教徒都不能容忍 - 性放荡的城市 - 阿芙罗狄蒂的神庙 - 崇拜爱的女神 - 廣大的红灯区；您可以想象教堂将成为另一种生活方式的灯塔；但它深被不道德所困扰；
- **6:4** 在法庭上，在不信者面前肢體拉扯；
- **11:17**-不是变得更好，而是变得更糟...
- **NIV =“您的会议弊大于利”**
- 这是一座混乱一蹋糊塗的教堂。
- 你會打算说什么？
- 您将从哪里开始？

- Here's the key question today: **what do you say to a church in crisis?**
- Well where Paul starts and what he says at the beginning is, frankly ...staggering.
- What we see here is: an eternal perspective.

1. Have an eternal perspective

- When we come to chapter 1 - it is as if Paul is talking about a different church.
- Don't know if you noticed...
- Look how positive he is:
- **v2:** He calls them **sanctified** - or people who have been made holy.
- **v2:** He calls them **saints** - weird given what we see in the rest of the letter.
- **v4:** he **gives thanks** for them
- **v5:** he says that they are **enriched** in every way
- **v7:** **not lacking in any gift**
- So what is going on?
- Does Paul suffer from some form of **spiritual blindness?**
- Is he just a **hopeless optimist** who **only sees the good** in people?
- I mean these guys are his babies - he planted the church - back in Acts 18 - maybe like some parents he **incapable of seeing anything negative** about his own children.
- What's going on?
- I asked my Thurs morning growth group.
- They're all used to doing staff reviews and giving feedback.
- And unlike me - they get to hand out bonuses to staff who are doing well.
- Anyway one of them suggested that Paul here is being a classic management consultant.
- That is - you have to give 5 positives attributes before you give any negative feedback.
- He's building them up before ripping them down... is that it?
- What do you think?
- Have a look through those first few verses again.
- I don't know about you... but I don't think that is right.
- I think something else is going on here.
- See if you can notice **the basis** for Paul being so positive.

- 這是今天的關鍵問題：**您對陷入危機的教會會怎麼說？**
- 坦白說，保羅從哪里開始，他在開始時怎麼說的.....令人瞠目結舌。
- 我們在這裡看到的是：永恒的視角。

1. 有永恒的視角

- 當我們進入第一章時，感覺保羅好像在談論另一座教會。
- 不知道您是否注意到...
- 看他有多麼正向：
- **v2:** 他稱他們為**聖潔的人** - 或被聖潔的人。
- **v2:** 他稱他們為**聖徒** - 鑑於我們在信中其餘部分所看到的，這很奇怪。
- **v4:** 他**感謝他們**
- **v5:** 他說他們在各个方面都得到了**豐富**
- **v7:** **不缺任何恩賜**
- 到底怎麼回事？
- 保羅是否患有某種形式的**屬靈盲目**？
- 或者他是一個**無可救藥的樂觀主義者**，只看得見人的善嗎？
- 我的意思是，這些人是他的孩子 - 他在使徒行傳 18 章中建立了這教堂 - 也許像某些父母一樣，他**無法看到有關自己子女的任何負面問題**。
- 這是怎麼回事？
- 我問了我星期四早晨的成長小組。
- 他們都習慣於進行員工審核和提出評定。
- 和我不同的是 - 他們會向表現良好的員工發放獎金。
- 無論如何，其中一位提議保羅是一位典型的管理顧問。
- 也就是說 - 您必須先給出五個肯定的屬性，然後才能給出任何負面的反饋。
- 所以他先建立他們，然後再將他們擊倒.....是嗎？
- 你怎么看？
- 再次瀏覽前幾節經文。
- 我不知道您覺得怎麼樣...但是我認為不是那樣。
- 我認為這裡還有其他事情。
- 看看您是否注意到保羅可以如此積極的**基礎**。

- just quietly... I don't think it is because he has read the HR feedback guidelines or listened to any management podcasts!
- How does he describe them?
- **v2:** They are the church of **God**.
- That is what **defines them**
- what **identifies** them isn't their problems - isn't their failure - but the transformation that God has brought to them.
- I mean look up at **v1:** and the second name mentioned...
Sosthenes.
- Remember him from **Acts 18:** he was the leader of the synagogue who led a charge against Paul when the Corinthian church began.
- But here he is - working with Paul - perhaps as a scribe - transformed by the gospel.
- This is what God does - he takes people who are born to be rebellious and turns them around.
- He opens our eyes to the truth about Jesus.
- **v2:** he sanctifies us.
- He literally makes us **holy**.
- He calls us to be **saints**... which means what?
- Well he tells us - '**people who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ**'
- Which means that there is nothing special about 'saints' - a saint is anyone who has called on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- It is that simple.
- Because of the **grace of God**, because of the work of Christ - Paul addresses these Corinthians - as saints, as holy, as his precious church.
- And not because what they had done - not because they were impressive - we know that isn't the case.
- It is all about recognising what God has done among them in Christ.
- I mean scan through the first 7 verses again - look how many references there are to the name of Jesus, or 'him'.
- **V1:** Paul is an **apostle of Christ Jesus**
- **V2:** The Corinthians are **sanctified in Christ Jesus**
- **V2:** **saints** are those who **call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**
- **V3:** Paul greets them with the **grace of the Lord Jesus Christ**
- **V4:** Paul **gives thanks** for them on the basis of ... what?

- 讓我悄悄說 我不认为这是因为他阅读了人力资源反馈指南，或收听了任何管理廣播！
- 他是如何描述他们的？
- v2：**他们是上帝的教会。
- 那就是他们的定义
- 识别他们的不是他们的问题-不是他们的失败-而是上帝带给他们的转变。
- 我的意思是看第一節 v1：提到第二个名字...**Sosthenes 蘇提尼弟兄**。
- 记得使徒行传 18 章中的他嗎：他是犹太教堂的领袖，当哥林多教会成立时，他领导对保罗的指控。
- 但是他在哪里 - 与保罗一起工作 - 也许是一名抄写员- 他被福音改变了。
- 这就是神的所作所为 - 他将天生叛逆的人轉向歸回。
- 他使我们看到关于耶稣的真理。
- 第二節 v2：他使我们成圣。
- 他真的使我们分別為圣。
- 他称我们为圣徒.....这意味着什么？
- 好吧，他叫我们为 - "呼求主耶稣基督之名的人"
- 这意味着"圣徒"没有什么特别的- 圣徒是指任何呼求主耶稣基督之名的人。
- 就这么简单。
- 由于上帝的恩典，由于基督的工作-保罗以圣人，圣洁和他宝贵的教会来称呼这些哥林多人。
- 不是因为他们做了什么 - 不是因为他们作為令人刮目相看- 我们知道情况并非如此。
- 一切都是关于承认神藉由耶稣基督在他麼中间所做的。
- 我的意思是只要再次掃過前 7 节经文 - 看看有多少次提到耶稣的名字或稱呼"他"。
- v1：**保罗是基督耶稣的使徒
- v2：**哥林多人在基督耶稣里成圣了
- v2：**圣人是那些呼求我们主耶稣基督之名的人
- v3：**保罗以主耶稣基督的恩惠平安向他们致意
- v4：**保罗在...什麼基础上感谢他们？

- The **grace given to them in Christ Jesus**.
- **V5**: they are **enriched in every way in him - in Christ**.
- **Do you now see the basis of Paul's confidence?**
- The reason why he is able to be so positive at the beginning of this letter...?
- **Because the grace of God** had come to them.
- Because God had called them to himself and made them holy.
- And **whatever else** is going on, **whatever problems** the church has... Paul outlines the perspective that matters most for this little struggling church.
- And that is the perspective that comes from
- That is - the **most important thing** that can be said about anyone is that they have been **called by Jesus**.
- They have been **made holy** in Christ Jesus.
- The Christian life is **not about what we have** done, not about our gifts or our abilities - but it is always about **God and his faithfulness - v9**.
- Of course the best word for all this is that little word there in **v4**.
- I am only holy, only sanctified because of **God's grace**.
- God's grace is his **undeserved favour**.
- It is a gift that I **don't deserve**.
- Grace is all that the Corinthians have got left.
- Which is worth reflecting on for a moment before we move on.
- Some of us are naturally quite quick to be critical.
- Even when it comes to church and other believers.
- Maybe even **ESPECIALLY** when it comes to church and other believers.
- We find it easy to pick holes, identify problems - pull people or churches down for missing the mark doctrinally or ethically.
- But it is worth reflecting on the model here in v1-7.
- Our **first instinct** needs to be thankfulness when we think about church.
- Even a church that is struggling.
- Even a church full of people that have made a complete mess of life.
- Even a church like us.
- We are the church OF GOD.

- 是在基督耶稣里赐给他们的恩典。
- v5：他们在他的一切方面都得到了丰富 - 在基督里。
- 您现在看到保罗信心的基础了吗？**
- 为什么他能在这封信的开头这么正向.....？
- 因为上帝的恩典降在他们身上。
- 因为上帝呼召了他们，使他们成为圣洁。
- 不管发生什么其他事情，不管教会会有什么其他问题.....
- 保罗概述了對这个正在苦苦挣扎的教会最重要的观点。
- 这是他观点的来源
- 就是 - 对任何人来说，最重要的事情是他们已经被耶稣召唤了。
- 他们在基督耶稣里已成为圣洁。
- 基督徒的生活不关乎我们所做的事，不关乎我们的才能或能力 - 而是关乎上帝和他的信實 - v9。
- 当然，這當中最好的字就是第 4 節中的那个小小的字。
- 我只是圣洁的，只是因为神的恩典而成圣了。
- 上帝的恩典是我们不配得的恩惠。
- 这是我不应该得到的礼物。
- 恩典是哥林多人所得到全部剩下的。
- 在我们继续之前，值得反思一下。
- 我们中的某些人倾向很快就很論斷。
- 即使涉及教会和其他信徒。
- 甚至在教会和其他信徒身上，尤其如此。
- 我们很容易挖洞，找问题 - 羞辱批判人们或教會在教义上或道德上的失當。
- 但是很值得在 v1-7 的模式中进行反省。
- 当我们想到教会时，我们的第一个本能需要是感恩。
- 即使是在一个苦苦挣扎的教堂。
- 甚至是一个充满人的教堂，但是生活完全混乱。
- 甚至像我们这样的教堂。
- 我们是神的教会。

- We are his precious possession.
- We only exist because of his grace and kindness.
- We are sinners saved by grace.
- And what's more God isn't going to let us go.
- He's given us everything we need - **v8** he will sustain us to the end.
- We will be found **guiltless** in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **v9**: God is faithful - and he will do it.
- He has called us into his family, and we call on him for everything we need.
- on first glance this section is a bit baffling;
- it isn't particularly obvious why Paul is so positive... but hopefully that is clear now.
- From the perspective of heaven; with the **spectacles of eternity** - God's people have been secured by God's grace and called by the Lord Jesus.
- Move now from the eternal perspective of v1-9, to the worldly problem from v10.

2. Face up to the worldly problems

- As we come to **v10**... the perspective completely changes.
- No longer the positivity of v1-9
- It is as if Paul is talking about a different church.
- Like in play school - we've looked through the **ARCH window**, NOW we're looking thru the **ROUND window**!
- We've seen already that the context for relationships in this church is a mess.
- Paul addresses here their **division, disunity and demarcation** disputes.
- So how does he address them...?
- Does he use his apostolic authority... and get all stroppy, yell and scream and get them to sort their life out?
- No.
- Does he brush all the problems under the carpet... because from the perspective of eternity they are secure.
- No.
- What does he do? He makes an appeal.
- He urges them to line up their behaviour, their values and attitudes with the gospel.

- 我们是他的宝贵财富。
- 我们之所以存在是因为他的和恩典和良善。
- 我们是因恩典得救的罪人。
- 更重要的是，上帝不会放弃我们。
- 他给了我们我们需要的一切-v8 他将坚定我们到最后。
- 在主耶稣基督的日子，我们将被发现无可指摘。
- v9**：上帝是信实的 - 他会做到的。
- 他召集了我们加入他的家庭，我们为一切需要呼求他的帮助。
- 乍看之下，本节有些令人困惑；
- 保罗为何如此积极并不清楚，但希望现在已经清楚了。
- 从天堂的角度来看；伴随着**永恒的奇观**-上帝的子民因上帝的恩典得到了保障，并受到了主耶稣的呼召。
- 離開 v1-9 永恒的观点，來至 v10 的世俗问题。

2. 面对世俗的问题

- 当我们来到 v10 时... 观点完全改变了。
- 不再是 v1-9 的正面
- 好像保罗在谈论另一个教会。
- 就像在幼兒園中一样 - 我们先前透过弧型窗口觀看，现在我们通过圓窗看！
- 我们已经看到这教堂中的人际关系一片混乱。
- 保罗在这里解决他们的分歧，不团结和分界纠纷。
- 那么他如何对待他们.....？
- 他是否會利用自己的使徒权威... 变得刻薄，大喊大叫要他们把自己搞好？
- 沒有。
- 他是否将所有问题掃到地毯下因为从永恒的角度来看，他们是安全無虞的。
- 沒有。
- 他做了什么？他提出一個呼吁。
- 他敦促他们将自己的行为，他们的价值观和态度与福音對齊。

- Have a look at his appeal to them: **v10**
- Look again: **v10: 'I appeal that all of you agree, that there be no divisions and that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement.'**
- I mean I'm as optimistic as the next guy - but this looks incredibly naive.
- Paul's not aiming at a pass rate of 51%.
- He's not trying to convince a few leaders to toe the party line.
- He's not trying to get enough people pulling in the right direction.
- He wants **everyone on board** ... and **all the time**.
- Look at the language again: **ALL** of you; **NO** divisions; the **SAME** mind and the **SAME** judgement.
- I remember when the twins were little going on holidays - 8 people in one house for 2 weeks compulsory fun.
- By about day 3 Karen and I were exhausted. Utterly wrecked.
- We'd basically spend 3 days running dispute resolutions on what felt like a scale akin to a United Nations Peacekeeping force.
- Then Karen had a complete **epiphany**.
- She said - 'look I think we need to change our expectations - I think we need to assume that at any moment of time there will be some form of conflict. There are 28 relationships to manage - and at any given point of time - there will be conflict.'
- It was genius.
- Not really any less conflict - but we were more relaxed with the conflict that existed.
- But Paul's perspective here is so different.
- He isn't content with a little bit of division, disunion or demarcation dispute.
- He appeals for **everyone** to agree.
- For **no** division
- For the **same** mind and the **same** judgement.
- But why? Why is he so insistent on this wholesale need for change?
- Look down at **v11**.
- He's received a report from Chloe's people...
- And here is the problem: look at **v12**: each of you says, 'I follow Paul... Apollos or Cephas or Christ'
- Do you see the problem?
- It isn't a case of the church having a few bad apples.

- 看看他们对他们的呼吁：**v10**
- 再看一遍：**v10**：‘我勸你们大家要同心，在你們中間不要分黨，只要在同一的心思，同一的意念上团结起來。’
- 我的意思是我和每一个男人差不多一样乐观 - 但这看起来太天真了。
- 保罗的目标不是只要 51%通过。
- 他并不想只说服一些领导人決定權威的路线。
- 他也没有试图让足够多的人朝正确的方向发展。
- 他希望所有人都這樣做而且一直都做。
- 再看一遍他的話：你们大家要同心，在你們中間不要分黨，只要在同一的心思，同一的意念上团结起來。
- 我记得双胞胎還很小時去度假 - 八個人在一间房子里享受 2 周的强制性娱乐。
- 大约第 3 天，卡伦和我已经精疲力尽。完全不行了。
- 我们基本上会花 3 天的时间来解决争议，其规模类似于联合国维和部队。
- 然后卡伦有了一个完整的顿悟。
- 她说- '看起来我认为我们需要改变期望-我认为我们需要假设在任何时候都会存在某种形式的冲突。有 28 种关系需要管理 - 在任何给定的时间点-都会发生冲突。'
- 真是天才。
- 冲突并没有變少 - 但是我们对冲突更加放松。
- 但是保罗在这里的观点是如此不同。
- 他不满足于一点点的分黨，分裂或划界纠纷。
- 他呼吁所有人都同意。
- 不分黨
- 只要同心，同意。
- 但为什么？他为什么如此坚持这种全面的变革需求？
- 向下查看 v11。
- 他收到了克洛伊 (Chloe) 人民的报告...
- 这就是问题所在：第 12 版：你们每个人都說：“我跟着保罗.....阿波洛斯，塞弗斯或基督”
- 您看到问题了吗？
- 这不是教会有几个坏苹果的情况。

- There is an issue with everyone.
- Everyone is divided.
- Everyone has aligned themselves behind a particular leader.
- And it isn't the leaders who are at fault here.
- That is usually the case in the NT.
- Here the problem is with the people.
- But for whatever reason - the people have organised themselves into **teams**.
- Some are in '**Team Paul**' - he was the original planter.
- The original and the best.
- Others stand with his successor - **Apollos** - apparently he was a great **preacher**.
- Still others prefer **Cephas** - or the apostle Peter - he was a real apostle.
- He had real authority.
- Paul also says others say 'I follow Christ'.
- Now it might have been that this was another group of super-pious disciples - claiming the spiritual high ground.
- Or it might have been Paul highlighting how ridiculous this divisiveness was for them.
- Either way there is the grouping system at church where everyone is divided into their cliques.
- And it seems to be expressed some of the time as a result of who they were baptised by.
- Rather than baptism being a visible sign of the invisible gift of salvation... it has been perverted into something else.
- It has fuelled these personality cults.
- In **v13-16**, it sounds like we can hear Paul thinking out loud...
- 'gee whiz - I hope I'm not part of the problem.'
- 'I hope you're not aligning yourselves to me b/c I baptised you.'
- But either way - what is the way forward?
- How will this church divided become united?
- How is it possible for everyone to agree together?
- And to have the same mind and the same judgement.
- **How do you help a church in crisis?**

3. Embrace the gospel solution!

- Come now to the final verse of this section: **v17**

- 每个人都有问题。
- 每个人都是分裂的。
- 每个人都将自己置于特定领导者的后面。
- 这里不是领导者的错。
- 在新约中通常是这种情况。
- 这里的问题在于人民。
- 但是无论出于何种原因，人们都将自己组织成团队。
- 有些在“保罗队”中 - 他是最初的种植者。
- 原创和最佳的。
- 其他人与他的继任者阿波罗 (Apollos) 站在一起 - 显然他是一位伟大的传道人。
- 还有一些人更喜欢 Cephas - 或使徒彼得 Peter - 他是真正的使徒。
- 他拥有真正的权威。
- 保罗说还有其他人说“我跟随基督”。
- 现在这可能是另一批超虔诚的门徒 - 宣称属灵制高点。
- 也许是保罗强调了这种分歧对他们来说是多么荒谬。
- 无论哪种方式，教堂都有分组系统，每个人都被分到一个集团。
- 而且似乎在某些时候表达了他们是谁受洗的。
- 洗礼不是可见的救恩恩赐的明显标志.....它已被转化为其他东西。
- 激发成人格崇拜的邪教。
- 在 v13-16 中，听起来我们好像可以听到保罗在思考...
- '哎呀 - 我希望我不是问题的一部分。'
- '我希望您不要让我为您施洗。'
- 但是无论哪种方式 - 前进的方向是什么？
- 分裂的教会将如何团结起来？
- 如何共同达成共识？
- 拥有相同的心思和判断。
- 您如何帮助处于危机中的教会？

3. 拥抱福音解决方案！

- 现在进入本节的最后一节：v17

- Here we see Paul's way forward.
- And we're only going to touch on it here... because we'll look at it in more detail over the next 2 weeks.
- But here we get the hint.
- Paul has rightly outlined the problem of **division, disunity and demarcation**.
- Of people aligning themselves to particular leaders rather than to the gospel of Christ.
- It is like they have **lost their focus** on Christ - all the great blessings of v1-9 and been side-tracked into a worldly view of power.
- So what is the answer?
- What is the power for change?
- Do we need power for X'n living?
- Of course.
- Does the church need power? Of course - we are so weak and sinful.
- But the million dollar question is: where do we get the power?
- How do we access the power we need for the Christian life?
- What is going to keep us going?
- What is going to give us strength?
- What is going to put a spring in our steps and a smile on our face?
- Are we empowered by having a great building?
- Do we get strength from being Anglican?
- Or from being un-Anglican?!
- Do we get power from being all Corinthian and aligning ourselves behind our favourite leader or preacher?
- No - of course not.
- So what's the answer?
- Well we see first what the answer ISN'T
- End of **v17: not with words of wisdom**
- We don't get the power by finding the most dynamic preacher we can and attaching ourselves to them?
- We don't get the power by identifying with a personality because of their great giftedness or charisma.
- I mean it is a bit hard to imagine isn't it.
- Some of us lining up behind Harricks... or Holding... or Hearne.
- I'm a Matt Hearne guy... I just like his laconic country boy persona.

- 在这里，我们看到了保罗的前进方向。
- 我们仅在这里进行介绍...，因为我们将在接下来的2周中对其进行更详细的研究。
- 但是在这里我们得到了提示。
- 保罗正确地概述了分歧，不团结和划界的问题。**
- 人们跟随特定领袖而不是基督福音。
- 就像他们失去了对基督的专注- 離開 v1-9 的所有伟大祝福，并转移到世俗的权力观中。
- 所以答案是什么？
- 变革的力量是什么？
- 我们需要力量来维持 X 的生命吗？
- 当然。
- 教会需要权力吗？当然-我们是如此软弱和有罪。
- 但是，巨大的问题是：我们在哪里获得权力？
- 我们如何获得基督徒生活所需的能力？
- 什么会使我们前进？
- 什么将给我们力量？
- 怎样才能使我们的脚步有如弹簧轻松，并在脸上露出微笑？
- 拥有一栋伟大的建筑是否赋予了我们权力？
- 我们成为英国国教徒会获得力量吗？
- 还是非英国国教徒？
- 我们是否能成为全科林斯人并获得我们最喜欢的领袖或传教士的支持而获得力量？
- 不，当然不。
- 那么答案是什么？
- 好吧，我们首先看到答案是什么
- v17 结束：不是靠著智慧的言論**
- 我们无法通过找到最有活力的传教士并依附于他们而获得力量吗？
- 我们无法由于他们的天赋或魅力，通过与其人格认同来获得力量。
- 我的意思是很难想象不是这样。
- 我们中有些人在 Harricks...或 Holding...或 Hearne 后面排队。
- 我是 Matt Hearne 的家伙.....我喜欢他那简朴的乡村男孩角色。

- No, I'm a Chris Holding guy... he's a great cook, he's coffee is second to none.
- I mean that's not really our thing.
- Or maybe it is.
- We'll only support certain leaders... or do partic ministries because of the leader.
- So what's the danger?
- What's the risk?
- Look at the rest of **v17: 'lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power'**.
- You see where we get the power of God from?
- The cross of Christ.
- Which is where Paul started the letter.
- This is the heavenly perspective
- This is the perspective that trumps all worldly power.
- We get power where God gives the power.
- I don't think that it is any coincidence that 1 Corinthians begins with a clear call to find power in the cross of Christ and it ends with a call to take our confidence from the resurrection of Christ.
- Between these two bookends - lots to be concerned about.
- A church with so many problems.
- A church - well - much like us.
- But with the cross of Christ behind us; with the hope of the resurrection before us - that is the perspective we need when we are in conflict; when there is tension; when we lose our footing.
- How do we support Christians who are struggling?
 1. We open our bibles with them - we remind each other of the eternal perspective - of the truths that matter.
 2. We face up to the problems of worldliness and appeal for change.
 3. We go back to the gospel solution: knowing how weak we are and yet how powerful God is to us - we go back to the cross. we get power from where God gives the power.
- And we rest in his grace.

- 不，我是 Chris Holding 的人.....他是一位出色的厨师，他的咖啡是首屈一指的。
- 我的意思这不是我们真正的事情。
- 也许是。
- 我们仅支持某些领导者.....或由于某领导者而担任部委。
- 那有什么危险？
- 有什么风险？
- 看看 v17 的其余部分：“免得基督的十字架失去了效力”。
- 您看到我们从哪里得到神的能力？
- 基督的十字架。
- 保罗是从哪开始的。
- 这是天上的观点
- 这是超越一切世俗力量的观点。
- 我们在上帝赋予权力的地方获得权力。
- 我认为，哥林多前书一开始明确呼吁在基督的十字架上找到能力，而最后却呼吁我们从基督的复活中获得信心，这并不是巧合。
- 在这两个书夹之间 - 有很多需要注意的地方。
- 有很多问题的教会。
- 教堂-嗯-很像我们。
- 基督的十字架在我们身后；复活的希望在我们面前 - 这就是我们在冲突中需要的观点；当我们在压力下失去立足点时。
- 我们如何支持正在苦苦挣扎的基督徒？
 1. 我们与他们一起打开圣经 - 我们互相提醒着永恒的观点 - 重要的真理。
 2. 我们正视世俗的问题和呼吁改变。
 3. 我们回到福音的解决方案：知道我们有多么软弱，但是上帝对我们有多强大 - 我们回到十字架上。我们从上帝赋予权力的地方获得权力。
- 我们在他的恩典中安息。