Bible Readings Book by Book week 87 – w/c 2/7/23

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Monday: 1 Corinthians 9:15-27. Paul sets forth a clear principle of witnessing in verses 19-22. How do you adapt your testimony and your witness to different people? How well do you identify with people who are very different from you? By understanding them and their view of the world better, can you improve in this area?

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13. Verse 13 is a key verse for us to remember and learn from as Christians. What does this tell you about yourself, and your specific temptations, and how does it encourage you to resist temptation, when you feel like you can't do so any longer?

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22. Paul says to them, "flee from idolatry", as some were thoughtlessly engaging in pagan ceremonies and overstepping a spiritual boundary. Today, stand firm and do not allow the things of this world to encroach the boundary of worshipping and putting God first.

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1. This is very practical teaching for those who wanted to follow Jewish dietary laws in a non-Jewish environment, and about how Gentile and Jewish believers should relate to each other. Write out verse 24 and make it your motto today!

Friday: 1 Corinthians 11:2-16. This is a difficult passage to understand if we do not understand the culture of the day. But some things are clear: Both men and women are dependent on each other (v11), and both are permitted to pray and prophesy (v5). Thank God today for allowing you to enter his presence whatever your gender, gifts, age or spiritual understanding.

Weekend: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. The Corinthians had badly abused the Communion service and had lost sight of the meaning of the event. Paul reminds them that Jesus is the Passover Lamb, that his body and blood was given for them, bringing forgiveness and reconciliation to God. Remember all that he has done for you.