

1 Corinthians Daily Devotional Journal

Welcome to this devotional journal as we walk together through Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. 1 Corinthians is a letter written to a real church facing real challenges—division, pride, moral confusion, influence, relationships, and questions about what it truly means to follow Jesus in a complex culture. In many ways, it feels surprisingly like... 2026.

Paul's response is not merely to correct behavior, but to re-center the church on Jesus and to show how the gospel shapes every area of life together.

This journal is designed to help you engage Scripture **throughout the week**, not just on the weekends. There are two options of journaling you can choose from.

Option 1: Read and study the passage *ahead of time*. In the following pages, you'll find a schedule of the passages we'll be preaching from. Provided is a guideline of how you can meditate and journal through the given passage on each day of the week. Then after spending the week studying the text, come to weekend service where we will preach from the very same passage.

Option 2: You can sign up to receive devotionals that will be available after the passage is preached, encouraging you to continue to daily think deeper about the text in 1 Corinthians. Sign up for daily devotionals that will be emailed to you each morning, or you can find it our app. You can use this journal to record your reflections and prayers.

This journey is meant to help you slow you down, look intently into God's Word, and invite the Holy Spirit to form Christ in you.

As you spend time each day journaling,

Read prayerfully. Before you begin, ask God to give you a humble and receptive heart.

Read thoughtfully. Remember that you are reading a letter written to a church a couple thousand years ago, but that the Spirit is still speaking similar things to us today.

Reflect honestly. 1 Corinthians often confronts pride, self-reliance, and misplaced priorities. Let the Word be your mirror.

Apply lovingly. Paul's goal is not information, but transformation. The Word of God is meant to make us look different.

SBCC SERMON SERIES SCHEDULE

Date	Scripture
Week 1	1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Week 2	1 Corinthians 1:10-17
Week 3	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Week 4	1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Week 5	1 Corinthians 3:1-23
Week 6	1 Corinthians 4:1-21
Week 7	1 Corinthians 5:1-13
Week 8	1 Corinthians 6:1-20
Week 9	1 Corinthians 7:1-24
Week 10	1 Corinthians 7:25-40
Week 11	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Week 12	1 Corinthians 9:1-27
Week 13	1 Corinthians 10:1-22
Week 14	1 Corinthians 10:23-33
Week 15	1 Corinthians 11:1-16
Week 16	1 Corinthians 11:17-34
Week 17	1 Corinthians 12:1-31
Week 18	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Week 19	1 Corinthians 14:1-25
Week 20	1 Corinthians 14:26-40
Week 21	1 Corinthians 15:1-34
Week 22	1 Corinthians 15:35-58
Week 23	1 Corinthians 16:1-24

A Word of Encouragement

This journal is not about checking a box or keeping up perfectly. It's about **showing up** day after day to sit under God's Word and allow the gospel to do its slow, shaping work in your life. If you miss a day, or two, don't quit! Just pick right back up and meet with Jesus—He hasn't gone anywhere!

May the Spirit use this journey in 1 Corinthians to form us into a people who reflect the beauty of Jesus.

- Pastor Greg

Interpretation Guidelines

Context

- » *Historical Context:* Understand the historical background of the text. What was happening at the time? Who was the author, and to whom was he writing?
- » *Literary Context:* Read passages in context. What comes before and after the verse? How does it fit within the chapter, book, and Bible as a whole?
- » *Cultural Context:* Consider the culture of the time and place in which the book of 1 Corinthians was written. How did the people of that time think and live? How do these customs influence the message?

Scripture Interprets Scripture

Let clearer passages shed light on more difficult or obscure ones. Use the Bible to interpret itself rather than isolating a single verse. Cross references, commentaries, and other resources may help point to other related Scriptures.

Author's Intent

Seek to understand the intention of the human author as he was inspired by the Holy Spirit. What was the original message the author intended to convey to their audience?

Grammar and Syntax

Pay close attention to the language, grammar, and structure of the text. Meaning can often hinge on the original languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek), so consulting a commentary or a concordance can be helpful.

Theological Principles for Today

- » Determine the historical truth that was true then & there (in history).
- » Determine the timeless theological truth that is true at all times and in all places.
- » Determine how that truth applies to life here and now (modern day). What does this passage teach about God, humanity, sin, salvation, or the church?

Journal Options

Option 1: Read and study the passage ahead of time

Using the guidelines below, read and study the passage that will be preached on the upcoming weekend.

Day 1 | READ the passage of 1 Corinthians at least twice. Get a good overview of the context.

Day 2 | OBSERVE the passage provided. Make any notes of what you see happening in the passage. You can summarize ideas in your own words, write down questions, or make note of interesting observations that you see.

Day 3 | INTERPRET the chapter. Keeping in mind the guidelines provided, how do you interpret the chapter? What do you think the author meant for the original audience, and what do you think God wants us to understand of it today?

Day 4 | APPLY the passage to your specific context. After reading the passage again, and reviewing your observations and interpretation, where specifically in your life do you see this lived out? Spend time praying and asking God to help you live out the truths of this chapter.

Day 5 | PRAY in your journal, write out a prayer to God in response to this passage. Ask God to continue to reveal the power of this passage in your life. Confess any ways you may have fallen short of God's standards. Pray for the Spirit to help you in specific areas to apply this scriptural truth.

Option 2 - Receive Daily Devotions in your inbox each morning.

Emails will include scripture to meditate on, a short devotional based on the weekend sermon, and a prompt to journal, reflect on and pray through.

Sign up by visiting:

<https://mailchi.mp/southbaycommunitychurch.com/sbcc-devotional-mailing-list> or scan the QR code.

