

## Women of the Word

“I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift.”

~1 Corinthians 1:4-6 (ESV)

“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

~1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

Paul went to Corinth and preached in the synagogue for about 18 months (50-51 AD). After his departure, he wrote this letter to the believers providing instruction and addressing some problems within this fledgling church (~56 AD). This letter intended to reiterate to the people of Corinth the importance of God's authority over their lives and instruct them to live as imitators of Christ. Paul addressed many practical aspects of how to imitate Christ in daily living through: Christian unity, marriage, morality, idolatry, spiritual gifts, love, and the resurrection. God's faithfulness to His people is also highlighted – both from the past (Old Testament) to the present day. Paul's passion for the people he fellowshiped with in Corinth is evident in this letter along with his unrelenting pursuit of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### General Suggestions & Tips

- Schedule an appointment each day to read God's Word.
- Begin with prayer and ask the Lord to speak to you through His Word.
- Follow the schedule and read the scripture passage listed.
- Read your Bible with a notebook and pen beside you. Make note of words, phrases, and verses that stand out as you read each day's passage.
- Look for points of *personal application*.
  - How is God speaking to me (instruction, call to obey, warning)?
  - What does this passage teach me about God?
  - Are there specific truths God wants me to apply to my life?

### Questions to ask yourself as you read the book of 1 Corinthians this month:

1. What was life like in the city of Corinth? Do you see any correlation between this ancient city and our current society?
2. How is God faithful to the people of Corinth?
3. What does it mean to you to be an imitator of Christ? What small thing can you do to yield more of your heart, mind, and soul to Jesus?
4. What do you love more than anything? Would outsiders looking in agree?
5. How can you pursue love like Jesus did and give love in a way that honors Christ?

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## Reading Schedule for 1 Corinthians

### February 2018

- February 1      1 Corinthians 1:1-9
- February 2      1 Corinthians 1:10-17
- February 3      1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5
- February 4      1 Corinthians 2:6-16
- February 5      1 Corinthians 3:1-9
- February 6      1 Corinthians 3:10-4:5
- February 7      1 Corinthians 4:6-21
- February 8      1 Corinthians 5:1-13
- February 9      1 Corinthians 6:1-11
- February 10     1 Corinthians 6:12-19
- February 11     1 Corinthians 7:1-24
- February 12     1 Corinthians 7:25-40
- February 13     1 Corinthians 8:1-13
- February 14     1 Corinthians 9:1-27
- February 15     1 Corinthians 10:1-22
- February 16     1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1
- February 17     1 Corinthians 11:2-16
- February 18     1 Corinthians 11:17-34
- February 19     1 Corinthians 12:1-31
- February 20     1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- February 21     1 Corinthians 14:1-25
- February 22     1 Corinthians 14:26-40
- February 23     1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- February 24     1 Corinthians 15:12-19
- February 25     1 Corinthians 15:20-34
- February 26     1 Corinthians 15:35-50
- February 27     1 Corinthians 15:51-58
- February 28     1 Corinthians 16:1-24