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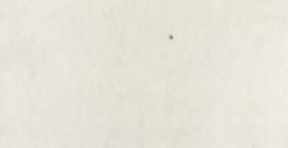
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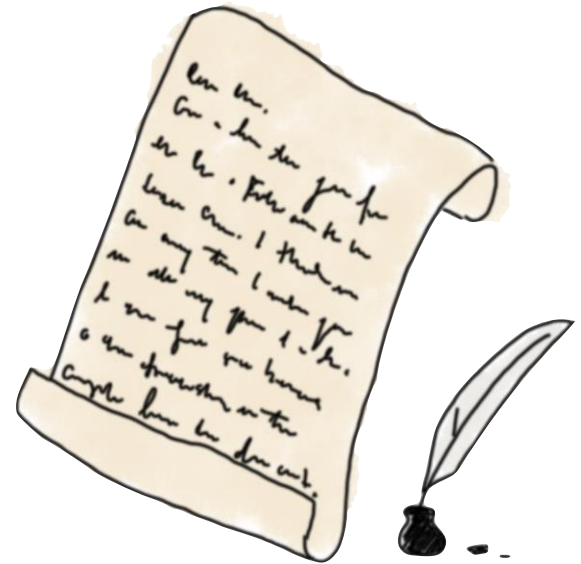
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Context - 1 Corinthians

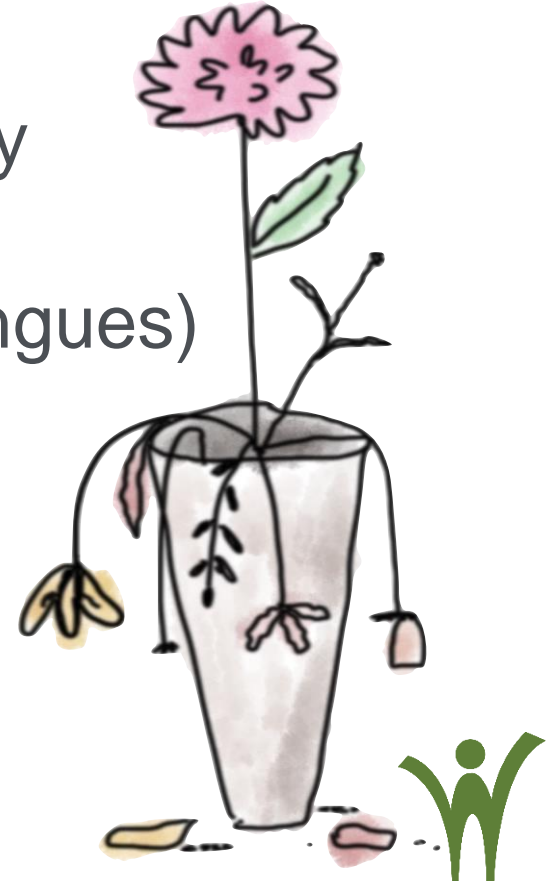
Struggles in Corinth

- Divisions (1-4)
 - Immorality (5-6)
 - Questions on marriage, food, rights, freedom (7-10)
 - Disorder in communion
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- Chaos in worship and poor understanding of spiritual gifts (12-14)



Context - Chaos in worship and poor understanding of spiritual gifts (12-140)

- Focus on the showy, miraculous work of the Holy Spirit (12:1-3)
- Use of the gifts for personal gain, not for love of the body
- Some gifts are valued more than others (specifically, tongues)
(12:21-26, ch.14)



Context - Chaos in worship and ignorance of spiritual gifts (12-140)

- There are many gifts (ch.12)
- They are to be used out of love for the body (ch. 13)
- Gifts, (specifically tongues) should be used in an orderly way so that the church is built up (ch. 14)

Holy Spirit gives the gifts so that the body is built up!

(12:7, 14:1-4, 14:26, Ch. 13)



1 Co. 12: 12-21

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

One Spirit. One Body.

- Bride w Christ as the bridegroom
- Temple w Christ as the cornerstone
- Body w Christ as the head





Now if the foot should say,
“Because I am not a hand, I do not
belong to the body,” it would not for
that reason stop being part of the
body.

And if the ear should say,
“Because I am not an eye, I do not
belong to the body,” it would not for
that reason stop being part of the
body.

If the whole body were an eye, where
would the sense of hearing be? If the
whole body were an ear, where would
the sense of smell be? But in fact God
has placed the parts in the body,
every one of them, just as he wanted
them to be. If they were all one part,
where would the body be? As it is,
there are many parts, but one body.

Many Parts

Problem #1

My gift isn't needed

- I don't know where I fit

- I don't know what my gift is
 - I don't need to be a part of the body
- Everybody is
needed!***



The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment.

But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored

Many Parts

Problem #2

Other gifts aren’t needed

- What are the gifts we might have the tendency to overlook or undervalue?
- We as a body may be missing out on gifts of the Holy Spirit given for our benefit and good!
- Your gifts are needed by the church and you need the other gifts in the church


***Everybody is
needed!***



Now you (WBC) are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part of it.
(12:27)

- Do you have a desire to build the church up in love?
- Are you desperate to serve Him with the gifts he has generously given you through the Holy Spirit?
- Do you desire to accept others in the gifts the Holy Spirit has entrusted to them?



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