



**Defying Gravity**  
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**Title:** He's Talking To Us

**Scripture:** Overview of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians

**Summary:** Paul wrote a passionate, corrective letter to a church that was claiming to embrace the Gospel of Jesus without abandoning the lifestyle and influence of a culture that was far from centered on Jesus. Their profession and their practices were sadly incongruent.

**Main Thought:** Everyone takes their cue from someplace ... it's time to decide what that place is for you

**Going Deeper Questions:**

1. The introductory message spent considerable time exploring the dominant culture in Corinth. It appears remarkably similar to Canadian culture. Spend some time examining the dominant cultural influence in Canada today. You can begin with general influence such as thoughts on rights and freedoms and political correctness and then drill down into more specific influences of entertainment, sports, marriage, business, etc. What is the current climate like?
2. As best as you are able at your current level of understanding describe what the posture of Jesus would be on each of the items you discussed above. This is more complex than you might think, don't oversimplify it. For instance, how would Jesus view business ethics? (would He be against making a good profit?) Look at Chapter 1 Verse 2. The call is for Christ followers to be set apart, sanctified and holy. This question is all about attempting to describe what that looks like in today's culture.
3. The call of this series is to defy the gravitational pull of culture. Become very specific – what will help us do that? (hint: if you are doing this in a small group you are already in one very important influence setting)
4. There are definitely some less positive and productive ways to defy culture. How can we live in accordance with our higher calling without becoming arrogant legalists? (chapter 13 is a hint)

**Never Stop Praying:**

- For those who came forward to receive Christ or re-dedicate their lives last weekend
- For those taking their next step by being Baptized next weekend
- For our Faith Community as we unpack and learn to live out 1 Corinthians