



Defying Gravity

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Title: For God's Sake Get Along

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17, 3:1-17, 6:1-11

Big Idea: A common theme surfaces a number of times throughout this letter regarding particular cultural norms that could create tears in the fabric of a faith community or if leveraged wisely could strengthen the beautiful tapestry of a faith community. These gravitational pulls center around preference, recognition, and rights.

Going Deeper Questions:

- Looking back for a moment: Why is it so important to understand the context of historical Corinth and modern day Kelowna?
- Were you able to recognize and evaluate any gravitational pulls in our culture this past week?
- **Preference (1 Corinthians 1:10-17)**
 - What are some of the upsides or benefits of personal preferences?
 - How can personal preferences become dangerously divisive in our church?
- **Recognition (1 Corinthians 3:1-17)**
 - Where have you witnessed the power of teamwork? (When the greater goal is more important than any individual.)
 - How might we ensure that God gets all the glory as we work with Him to build this church?
- **Rights (1 Corinthians 6:1-11)**
 - How is the gospel of Christ, and the reputation of our Church, damaged in Kelowna when we don't get along with each other?
 - Paul lists ten nasty areas of wrongdoing or sin. Why is it so easy to see the sins in others and at the same time deny our own?
 - What does it mean to be washed, sanctified, and justified in Jesus' name?
- What are the negative and positive sides to these three pulls: Preference, Recognition, Rights?

Never Stop Praying:

- For those baptized this weekend: Clarence, Angela, Melinda, Michele, Brian
- For the Social Agencies in our city that are coming alongside our homeless, especially through this extreme cold spell
- Our church as we embrace Core Value #2 '*We're All in the Same Boat*'... we are all on a journey of transformation. And, none of us have arrived. We celebrate momentum over destination and inspire through grace rather than shame.