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Teacher: Pastor Wayne

Title: Contentious Behaviour

Scripture: I Corinthians 8

Summary: Paul develops a case for mature believers to restrain their personal freedom on certain 'gray matters' so that younger brothers and sisters in the faith community will not stumble. Those with deeper knowledge and experience in their faith must filter their activity through the lens of Christ's love. A love that compels us to care for all members of God's family.

Main Thought: Our great freedom in Christ comes with loving responsibility for the well-being of others.

Questions:

- How might the relentless pursuit of 'knowledge', as a primary focus, lead to a dangerous or unhealthy posture?
- Why is it so critical to remember that Christ-centered and Others-oriented love is of utmost importance?
- Read verse 6 in as many translations as possible. This is a stunning theological innovation on the Shema from Deuteronomy 6:4.
 - How does this text shape a Christian's worldview? How does it impact yours?
- As a faith community we are made up of individuals in many different places in their spiritual journey.
 - Why is this such a good and healthy reality for us?
 - How can it be challenging for us?
 - In what ways are you helping or hindering others in their spiritual growth?
- Paul ends with a strong warning that 'wounding' those who are less mature than you, because of you exercising your freedom, is like wounding Jesus.
 - Where do you need to restrain your freedom right now in order to help a brother or sister in our church?

Resources:

- Baptism Link <http://www.trinitychurchkelowna.ca/baptism/>

Never Stop Praying:

- Healthy Marriages
- Unity of the Body
- A posture of Worship every time we gather