



## Body Building wk5: Anything to Save Some

**Introduction:** Setting aside your personal freedom for the sake of someone else seems like a foreign concept to us, but it was at the heart of Paul's ministry. He decided to set aside anything that might set a barrier between someone else and the gospel and calls us to do the same. Will we follow that example?

### Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever been so distracted that you forgot where you were going or what you were supposed to be doing? What are good things that can distract a church from its primary mission?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 9:1-2** What are the things that Paul is reminding this church about in these verses?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 9:19-24** Paul describes himself in this section as both a slave and an athlete. What picture is he communicating with each of those descriptions? What does he mean by saying he's become all things to all people? What motivates his actions?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 9:4-6** What rights does Paul say he has laid down for the gospel? Does the idea of laying down rights for the gospel seem extreme? Are there any rights that you might be called to lay down for the gospel?
5. What are some preferences that need to be set aside for the good of the larger church body? Why are preferences sometimes elevated to essentials?
6. Why are both depth and breadth important in how a church goes about its mission? Diversity has become a controversial term in our culture, yet the church culture Paul is addressing is diverse, multi-ethnic, multi-class. How can we individually and collectively welcome those with different backgrounds and how does that correspond to our mission?

**Shaping Your Mind** – *I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. 1 Cor. 9:22b*

**Moving Forward** – When freedom intersects with conscience, yield with love.