



## **“Remain”**

*God is Working  
I Corinthians 7:17-24*

*God is working through our:*

### **I. Circumstance** – “Circumcision is nothing” (vs. 17-19)

*God is in our:*

- A. Ordination** – “as God has distributed to every man”
- B. Origination** - “as the Lord has called every one”
- C. Obedience** – “keeping of the commandments of God”

### **II. Calling** – “For he that is called in the Lord” (vs. 20-22)

*God calls us to:*

- A. Peace** – “Let every man abide in the same calling”
- B. Potential** – “if you may be made free, use it”
- C. Perspective** – “called in the Lord...is the Lord’s freeman”

### **III. Communion** – “he that is...Christ’s servant” (vs. 22-24)

*God desires a relationship that’s:*

- A. Costly** – “ye are bought with a price”
- B. Confined** – “be not ye the servants of men”
- C. Close** – “abide with God”

## Sentence Sermon:

*“To remain is to be faithful to the process  
God has laid out for you.”*

## Additional Verses

- **Romans 2:25-29**
- **Colossians 3:22**
- **Ephesians 6:5**
- **Titus 2:9**
- **Matthew 20:28**
- **Romans 8:2**
- **Galatians 5:1, 6; 6:15**
- **Romans 6:22**
- **Genesis 5:24; 6:9; 18:33**
- **Exodus 33:11**
- **Romans 7:10-12**

## Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. What does the 8 times Paul uses the word “called” suggest?
4. What does verse 17 tell us about how God works with each believer?
5. What message is Paul wanting to convey by “ordain [ ] in all churches?”
6. How do you “abide in the same calling wherein you are called?”
7. How would you summarize Paul’s perspective in verses 21-22
8. Why are we not “the servants of men” in spite of Mark 9:35?
9. How would you describe and explain abiding with God & its importance?
10. What is a good description of someone not abiding?
11. In what circumstances do you find it hardest to abide?
12. What do you do that helps you abide in difficult circumstances?