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A study of First Corinthians

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Were the problems for the church in Corinth different from the problems we face today?

1. Sexual immorality was a big problem.

It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife. 1 Corinthians 5:1

2. <u>Divisions and arguments</u> were big problems.

Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe's people, that there are quarrels among you. 1 Corinthians 1:10-11

3. Pride and spiritual immaturity were big problems.

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:1

What is God's initial response to Christians in crisis?

Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

1. Remember whose you are.

2. Remember who you are.

A. God calls you a saint.

B. God wants you to live like a saint.

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called. Ephesians 4:1

3. Remember what you have been given.

- A. God has given you His unmerited favor.
- B. God wants you to experience grace so you can enjoy peace.

Do you have big problems? Jesus is a big Savior.