

# THE HEART OF GOD

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**SUMMARY** | If you wanted to describe the qualities of your spouse or a good friend to someone, what would be the first things you would want that person to know? What kind of words would you use? (Patient? Caring? Devoted?)

In Paul's first letter to Corinth, he deals with some serious and troubling issues. But the apostle starts his letter with key ideas that pertain directly to who God is and what His heart is like. In fact, in the first nine verses of the letter, Paul reminds the Corinthians about four important ideas about our God. We'll explore them and learn why they are so important.

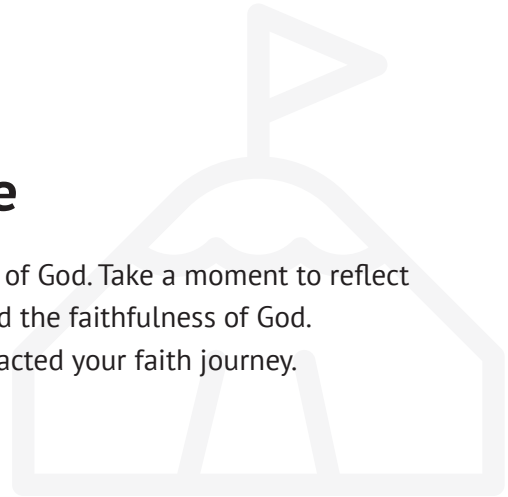
## This Week's Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 1. What are some of the problems, concerns, or questions Paul addresses in this letter?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 1:1–9. What are some of the things God does for us so we can serve Him? How should this affect how we treat others?
3. In spite of the issues in their church, the believers in Corinth are still called “the church of God” (v. 2). Why is this an important reminder of who we are in Christ—even when we're filled with turmoil and conflict?
4. God the Father was a foreign concept to ancient Jews but was language Paul used (v. 3). Why can followers of Christ claim such a lofty privilege?

## Challenge

First Corinthians 1:9 reminds us of the faithfulness of God. Take a moment to reflect on times in your life when you've witnessed the faithfulness of God.

Write down the ways those moments impacted your faith journey.



## Commit To Memory

“God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

1 Corinthians 1:9



## Prayer

Dear God, I thank You that Your heart for us is strong and devoted— even when we are weak and inconsistent. Build within my heart a deep gratitude for Your heart for me; and, by Your Spirit working in my life, enable me to grow in my faithfulness to You.

Amen.

