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## Losing Myself to Gain One Life

(1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

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After meeting Jesus, Paul discovered a meaningful purpose in his life - laying down his own self. He realized that the mission of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and grace of God is a lifelong mission in which he was willing to give up his life for if one soul could be saved. Today's scripture reading is a confession that best depicts the direction and purpose of Paul's life. I hope and pray that we, too, find courage in Paul's confession in order to actively engage the lost souls around us.

1. Looking back on the past week, share the most memorable life sharing experience.

2. Each verse in today's scripture declares what Paul was willing to give up if he could gain even one more soul (vv. 19-22). That is to be freed from all, but made oneself a servant to all; to become one under the law to win those under the law; to become one outside the law, to win those outside the law, to become weak to win the weak; to become all things to all people to save some for the sake of the gospel. Which of these four attitudes touches you the most? Share your experience if you have approached others, giving in a bit of your own self with the intention of leading them to the Lord.

3. Paul gave his all for the purpose of saving souls and was even willing to lay down all his rights. Not everyone can live like Paul, but there is a meaningful purpose in life that you can dedicate yourself to. What do I value in my life? How do my purposes affect my life?

4. There are still many people around us who have not found a purpose of life in Jesus. Please pray that God's beloved souls may return to the Lord, gain life, and discover the true purpose of life through the life sharing ministry of our church and community groups.

*I do it all for the sake of the gospel,  
that I may share with them in its blessings. (1 Corinthians 9:23)*