

“What’s For Dinner?”

Sunday, August 11, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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1 Corinthians 8:1-13

BIG IDEA: Authentic Christians can disagree without being disagreeable.

*“...be careful that this right of yours
in no way becomes a stumbling block to the weak.”
1 Corinthians 8:9 (CSB)*



Know what you know (& what you don't). (v1-2, 4, 10-12)

- Knowledge is power.
- Knowledge is dangerous.
- Knowledge is responsibility.



Lead with love. (v3-6)

- Love God.
- Love others.



Do not harden your conscience. (v7-13)

- Be sensitive to your own conscience.
- Be sensitive to another's conscience.

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THINK: Reflect on your own attitude toward disputable matters, and then ask yourself these questions: *In settling disputes with a spouse, parent, or a child, do you dig in your heels until you win, seek out a compromise, or just give in to the other individual? From verses 1, 4, 7, & 10, what side of the argument is each group taking? What “knowledge” do the people claim to have (v1, 4-6)? Although Paul appears to affirm that knowledge, what does he mean by contrasting it with love (v1b)? What else does Paul want these people to realize is involved in this dispute (v7-9, 12)? What is meant by “weak person” (v9-13)? How can something be sin for one individual or group and not for another? What general principle is Paul applying here?*

DO: Where in your life is one person’s “freedom” another’s “stumbling block”? Of the issues where you have been on the “weak” side, how did you feel toward those who ignored your concerns? Where you have been on the “Strong” side, how did you feel about those who criticized or challenged you? Determine your righteous biblical strategy for dealing with disputable matters when others disagree with you.