

**Women's Bible Study**  
**Study Questions for March 8, 2017**  
**Unity in Freedom ~ Jann Wright**  
**1 Corinthians 8-9**

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4. How do we cultivate a balance in our own spiritual life between legalism and permissiveness?
5. Do the verses on food offered to idols remind you of a famous character in the Old Testament who faced this issue? Who? Where is the account found?
6. What is the main issue in 1 Corinthians Chapter 8?
7. What does Paul give as the answer to this issue?
8. Does he give limits to the freedom? What are some areas in which you have freedom, but choose not to use it? What were the factors that influenced your decision?
9. What are some things outlined in the Bible that we are clearly told are wrong and over which we do not have freedom in terms of behavior? Give some examples and references. (Example: Adultery, Exodus 20:14)
10. Read Chapter 9
11. Paul identifies himself as an apostle. What are the characteristics of an apostle?
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