

SAME SAME

BUT DIFFERENT



BANGKOK CITY

SAME SAME

I Thailand

KHAO SAN ROAD BANGKOK

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SAME SAME



I BKK

BANGKOK

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SAME BELIEFS



SAME TEACHERS



SAME PLACES



**DIFFERENT
LIFESTYLES**

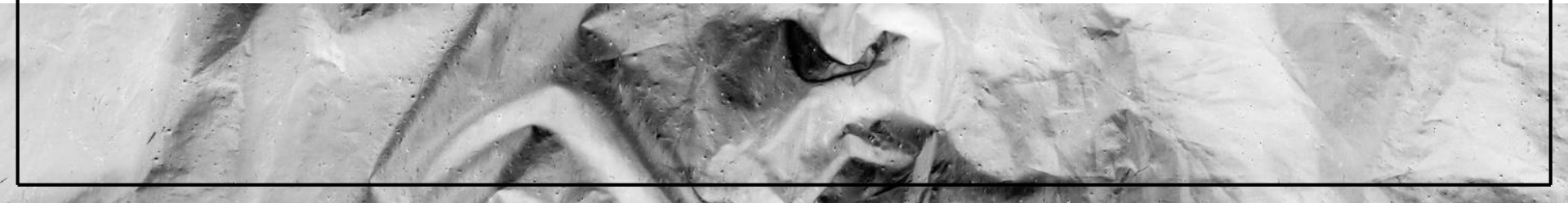
12 “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful.’

1 Corinthians 6

23 “All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up.’

**A crack that if left
unattended, would lead to**

major repercussions in the church



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Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up.

1 Corinthians 8:1



CAME FROM PAGAN TEMPLES

POOR CANNOT AFFORD

PRIVATE DINNERS

FESTIVE SEASONS

**MEAT SOLD
IN MARKETS**

BREAKING AWAY

But eating
meat offered
to idols is ok?

NO OTHER IDOLS

EAT?

Feel like
we're back in
the pagan
community

Might we
ostracized by
the Christian
community

DON'T EAT?

⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow **become a stumbling block** to the weak.

² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

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But what should hurt more, is to see our brother or sister affected by our choice

¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, **I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.**

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THE PRINCIPLE BEHIND THIS IS LOVE

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Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? ² If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. ³ **This is my defense to those who would examine me.** ⁴ Do we not have the right to eat and drink?

PAUL'S ARGUMENT ON RIGHTS



FALL

A divided church
would fall



HINDERED

Distractions
hinder us from
sharing the
gospel

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19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. **20** To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law.

‘Each time we step out of our homes, we’re on a mission trip.’

Ian Simkins

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DOES IT UNITE
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THE PRINCIPLE BEHIND THIS IS OUR PURPOSE

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²³ “All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up.

³¹ So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Violation, at its core,
is an invasion of peace.



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Are we sharing our conscience with things that are not of Christ?





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