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1 Corinthians 1:1-9

I remember a night, I was perhaps 15, sleeping alone in the woods. It was part of my Boy Scout experience. Laying there listening to the sounds of nature at night and staring upward into the starry expanse I pondered, "Who am I?" Who am I deep on the inside? What kind of a person am I really, apart from other's perceptions or misperceptions? I came to no conclusions that night, eventually drifting off to sleep, yet the question returned at odd times and places.

The church in Corinth had forgotten, in some important ways, who they were. They had become quarrelsome and tolerant of sinful behavior. Part of the Apostle Paul's concern in writing his first letter to the Corinthians was to remind them of their true identity. He uses some powerful descriptive phrases for them: "church of God," "sanctified in Christ Jesus," and "called to be his holy people" (1 Corinthians 1:2). Who they were was defined by their relationship with God through Jesus Christ. In Christ we discover who we truly are.

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