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2. Throughout his letters, Paul talks a lot about spiritual gifts. Jesus regularly called on 'those who have ears to hear, let them hear' and opened spiritually blind eyes. Why do you think we need reminding so often that we are to engage in the spiritual as well as physical reality we find ourselves in?
3. Verse 9 is a whole study in itself! Read it prayerfully and ask God to speak to you through what you read. What is God saying to you?
4. In verses 10-17 Paul calls for unity in the Corinthian church. They had allowed differences to come between them and had taken their eye off the main thing: Jesus. In what ways do we sometimes 'take our eye off the ball' and allow distractions and division to affect our effectiveness for the gospel?
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