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Order of Service
June 27-28, 2015

Worship Team	Let God Arise
Greeting/Welcome	
Worship Team	Relentless All He Says I Am Forever Reign
Message	Modern Family (Part 4) Pastor Jay Bruner
Offering/Announcements/Dismisal	

The Making of a Magnificent “Modern Family” Always has a great, “Big Brother or Sister”

Case Study 1 Corinthians 8

A Magnificent Modern Family is one that...

Recognizes “The Family” is God’s idea, not ours.

Is built upon a great leader, “*Jesus Christ*”. 1 Cor. 1:10 (NLT)

Is in *Sync* with why it *Exists* (It’s on the same page). 1 Cor. 1:10 (NLT)

Is one that “*Keeps House Well*”. 1 Corinthians 5&6

It keeps Sexual Intimacy in the right place. 1 Corinthians 7

A Magnificent Modern Family always has in it,
an awesome “Big Brother or Big Sister”.

Why is being a Big Brother or Sister such a big deal?

It’s all about the Power of Influence.

How to be an awesome “Big Brother of Sister”.

1. I must choose to learn, and understand, “God’s Truth”...“The Complete Truth”.

Now regarding your question about food that has been offered to idols. **Yes, we know that “we all have knowledge” about this issue.** But while knowledge makes us feel important, it is love that strengthens the church. **Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn’t really know very much. But the person who loves God is the one whom God recognizes.** 1 Corinthians 8:1-3 (NLT)

- What does God say about this issue? Why does He say it?
- How should I live in light of this truth?
- How should I approach those who don't know this truth?

2. I must choose the “love of others” over my own “freedom”.

*But while knowledge makes us feel important, it is **love** that strengthens the church. 1 Corinthians 8: 1b (NLT)*

But you must be careful so that your freedom does not cause others with a weaker conscience to stumble. For if others see you—with your “superior knowledge”—eating in the temple of an idol, won't they be encouraged to violate their conscience by eating food that has been offered to an idol? So because of your superior knowledge, a weak believer for whom Christ died will be destroyed. And when you sin against other believers by encouraging them to do something they believe is wrong, you are sinning against Christ. 1 Corinthians 8: 9-12 (NLT)

As I make choices, the questions to ask:

- Will this draw me closer to, or take me further away from, my Lord?
- Will this draw my family closer to our Lord, or confuse them about Him?
- Will this pave the way for me to earn the right to influence my family?

3. I must choose to intentionally embrace the “role”, I am my “brother's keeper”.

So if what I eat causes another believer to sin, I will never eat meat again as long as I live—for I don't want to cause another believer to stumble. 1 Corinthians 8:13 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own. Read through 1 Corinthians 8 five times slowly and instead of “meat sacrificed to idols” place anything you feel you have complete freedom to do whenever you wish; examples: drinking, playing lotto, skipping church, ignoring someone else's beliefs, carrying stories about someone, telling crude jokes, taking advantage of someone else's mistakes, etc. Would you be willing to give them up if you knew it would help someone else come to Christ? We are often encouraged to think “Will anyone be in eternity because of me?” But, have we ever thought “Who won't be in eternity because of me?” Read 1 Corinthians 8:9-12 again. What is Paul telling us and how should we respond? What is one thing this week you would be willing to give up in order to never be a stumbling block to a lost person, a near believer, or a new believer?