

**SERMON NOTES**  
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**A Matter of Conscience**  
1 Corinthians 8:4, 7, 9, 13; 10:31-33

All of us have a decision to make

Acts 22:10 – “What would you have me do?”

Micah 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

How?

- **A matter of conscience**

- **A matter of community**

Weaker brother (v. 9)

Critical brother (Galatians 2:5; Matthew 15:12)

- **A matter of commission**

John 15:8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

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“Once to every man and nation comes a moment to decide,  
In the strife of truth and falsehood, for the good or evil side...”

--James Russell Lowell

Doesn't come only once.

Doesn't come at all unless we seek it.

## Scripture for today's sermon...

### 1 Corinthians 8:4, 7, 9, 13

<sup>4</sup> Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one.

<sup>7</sup> However not all men have this knowledge; but some, being accustomed to the idol until now, eat *food* as if it were sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

<sup>9</sup> But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause my brother to stumble.

### 1 Corinthians 10:28, 31-33

<sup>28</sup> But if anyone says to you, "This is meat sacrificed to idols," do not eat *it*, for the sake of the one who informed *you*, and for conscience' sake;

<sup>31</sup> Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. <sup>32</sup> Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God; <sup>33</sup> just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit but the *profit* of the many, so that they may be saved.