

A GLORIOUS MESS

LESSONS FROM THE CHURCH AT CORINTH

Balancing Act — 1 Corinthians 10b

A GLORIOUS MESS, Act 2: Part 8

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THE CORE DANGER & A DEEPER REASON...

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BALANCING...

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Beyond getting by

↳ Making impact

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Life WITH God, the creator

↳ Enjoy the creation

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Past "Fun / Pleasure / rights"

↳ Display God in all things

A CHRISTMAS REALITY: People (you/me) desperately need to be SAVED!

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