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**1 Corinthians 9:19, 22-23 (NLT)**

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The \_\_\_\_\_ - We should celebrate when one comes home

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- Memorize and/or meditate on 1 Corinthians 9:23
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