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The _____

- Paid by _____

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

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- We are willing to _____

The _____ - We should celebrate when one comes home

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Memorize and/or meditate on 1 Corinthians 9:23
- Give thanks for those who didn't give up and who sacrificed so that I came to experience God's salvation.
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