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## Application

In light of Paul's patience with the Corinthians and his faith for them answer the following:

- 1) What are the evidences of grace in my spouse? In my children?
- 2) What are the evidences of grace in my home group? Metro Life Church as a whole?

*Gordon Fee: "Perhaps the greatest theological contribution of our letter to the Christian faith is Paul's understanding of the nature of the church, especially its local expression. If the gospel itself is at stake in the Corinthians theology and behavior, so also is its visible expression in the local community of redeemed people."*

- 3) If the gospel is at stake in YOUR theology and behavior, especially concerning the local church, what is it communicating?
- 4) Is your doctrine of the local church clear? Can you articulate it?
- 5) Does your commitment (behavior) back that up?