THE MISSION
1 Corinthians 9:19-27

And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. Acts 18:11

Three Thoughts:
1. As a church we are missionaries in/to our _____
*Therefore, as you go, disciple people in all nations (ethnos), baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. And remember, I am with you each and every day until the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (ISV)*

2. We are missionaries because we have _____
Jesus said … "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. John 14:6

3. I'm right where I'm _____
From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. Acts 17:26 (NIV)

God never says _____

Paul adapted to the _____ to reach the _____
Not to gain _____ of _____
(vv.19-23)

Paul practiced being in the _____ but not in _____

To "Win" they had to be _____ (vv.24-27)
*…every man that **striveth for the mastery** (agonizomai) is temperate in all things. 1 Corinthians 9:25 (KJV)*

agonizomai: to struggle, literally (to compete for a prize) (Strong's)

What does this mean for us at Calvary?
***(Jesus)** He answered, I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Matthew 15:24*

We work to create an _____ for God to work
And now that I am old and gray, don't forsake me. Give me time to tell this new generation (and their children too) about all your mighty miracles. Psalm 71:18 (TLB)

Not that we lord it over your faith, but are workers with you for your joy; for in your faith you are standing firm. 2 Corinthians 1:24

What Never Changes: God's _____ and reliance on God's _____
For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.
1 Thessalonians 2:13

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. John 6:63