

# What is a "Whatever It Takes" Mentality?

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## **Whatever It Takes, Pt. 1**

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

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**1 Corinthians 9:19**, *Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. 20 To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. 21 To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. 23 I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.*

**1 Corinthians 11:1**, *Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.*

## **What is the Example of Christ:**

**Matthew 9:11**, *When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."*

**Matthew 11:18**, *For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' 19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."*

**Luke 15:1**, *Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering*

*around to hear Jesus. 2But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."*

**Luke 19:7,\*** All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." 8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." 9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."\*

**Acts 1:8,** *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

### **How To Be "All Things to All People" for the Gospel:**

- Be RELATIONAL
- Be INTENTIONAL
- Be PRACTICAL
- Be THOUGHTFUL
- Be MISSIONAL

**Romans 1:16,** *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.*

### **Make a Seven Week Commitment to Do Whatever It Takes:**

- **Weekly Worship:** Commit to worship for the next 7 weeks in person or online at Cottonwoodcreek.tv
- **Get in a Group:** Get in a Life Group on campus, in homes or online for the next 7 weeks-text "**Gather**" to **77978**
- **Daily Devotion:** Pick up a "Whatever It Takes" daily devotion at the Connect Wall or text "Plan" to **77978** *This devotional starts tomorrow April 12.*
- **Daily Devotions on Social Media:** Follow the Pastor for a "Whatever It Takes" daily devotion on Facebook or Instagram.

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**Instagram:** @pastorjohnmarkcaton

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- If you are new text **CONNECT** to **77978** to let us know a little more about you and your family
- We encourage everyone to join a LifeGroup – text **GATHER** to **77978** for information on our next LifeGroup Connect.
- Danny Gokey will be here April 17 with Coby James and Creek Worship opening. Get your tickets at the Missions Wall to avoid service fees. Volunteers still needed.
- Text **SERIES** to **77978** to stay up to date.