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COLLEGE BIBLE CLASSES

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Assignment 8-1

Write a paragraph describing the passages surrounding context of the following passages:

- A. Acts 1:7–8 and
B. 1 Corinthians 11:27–32

A. Acts 1

Context flow	Pre-text (Acts 1:1–6)	Post-text (Acts 1:9 onwards)
Location changes	Jesus with disciples after resurrection, Jerusalem	Ascension is outdoors Mount Olivet Jerusalem - upper room
Time markers	First account, 40 days, Holy Spirit soon.	Immediate events followed.
Audience changes	Theophilus Jesus speaks to the apostles	disciples & two men in white apparel Gathered group of believers (x120)
Conjunctions / connectors	“Therefore... they asked Him...”	“while” continuity
Topic changes	Luke’s summary & kingdom timing question.	Jesus’ ascension and promise of return.
Big picture connection	Disciples thinking kingdom restoration (v6), Jesus reframes to receiving the Spirit (v7).	Jesus’ commission is immediately followed by His ascension.
Grammatical	First person Second person in the disciples’ question	Third-person and past-tense (“He was taken up... they looked...” v9–10). Angels uses second person

B. 1 Corinthians 11:27–32

Context flow	Pre-text (1 Cor 11:1–26)	Post-text (1 Cor 11:33–34)
Location changes	No changes. Church gatherings are likely in homes.	No changes. Likely at home (v34).
Time markers	When you come together Proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.	Immediate and ongoing.
Audience changes	Continually the Corinthian congregation.	Continually the Corinthian congregation.
Conjunctions / connectors	“But” (v17) changes to rebuke “Therefore” (v27) directly links Jesus’ words (23–26) to the warning (27–32).	“Therefore, my brethren” (33) explicitly draws a conclusion.
Topic changes	No changes from immediately preceding text.	Topic changes to show results that come from the inappropriateness & judgement.
Big picture connection	Paul corrects the misguided and inappropriate behaviour.	Paul provides practical guidance.
Grammatical	Change from narration to quoting Jesus.	Provides caring guidance.

Assignment 8-2

Turn to the Old Testament book of Jonah and do the following:

1. Read the entire book of Jonah and identify how the book is divided into paragraphs or sections.
2. Summarize the main idea of each section in about a dozen words or less.
3. Explain how your particular passage (use Jonah 1:13–16 for this exercise) relates to the surrounding context.

1. Divisions

Ch	Vs	Overview
1	1–3	God calls, Jonah flees.
	4–6	Storm; sailors panic; Jonah sleeps
	7–10	Jonah identified and confesses
	11–12	Sailors don't know what to do.
	13–16	Sailors try to save Jonah, feared God as Jonah cast into the sea; storm stops
	17	Fish swallows Jonah
2	1–9	Jonah's prayer from the fish
	10	Jonah delivered.
3	1–3a	Repeated instruction; Jonah obeys and goes to Nineveh
	3b–9	Jonah's warning;
	5–9	Nineveh's fast and repentance, including the king.
	10	God relents from the announced judgement
4	1–3	Jonah's anger at God's mercy
	4	Jehovah questions him
	5–11	The plant, worm, and wind: God teaches Jonah about compassion

2. Main Ideas

Ref	Section	Overview
1:1–3	Jonah runs from God	Jehovah calls Jonah to preach to Nineveh, but Jonah rebels and flees in the opposite direction.
1:4–16	Jonah confronted at sea	Jehovah sends a storm that exposes Jonah's disobedience. He is thrown into the sea and the storm stops. The sailors fear God.
1:17–2:10	Jonah saved & humbled	Jehovah appoints a great fish to save Jonah. Jonah prays in repentance and is delivered.
3:1–10	Jonah obeys, Nineveh repents	Jonah proclaims Jehovah's warning, Nineveh repents and God is merciful.
4:1–11	Jonah corrected by God	Jehovah confronts Jonah's anger teaching him about compassion.

3. Context of Jonah 1:13–16

This is a key contrast which shows how the pagan sailors respond rightly to Jehovah, whereas Jonah did not.

Leading up to this event, Jonah disobeys God and flees in the opposite direction. He doesn't seem to respect or fear God. In contrast, the sailors show an immense amount of awe to a God that they don't even admonish or recognise.

The sailors try everything to save Jonah from harm and even pray to God. They then show reverence, repentance and fear God exceedingly. All the opposite qualities that Jonah had. Following this key scripture, the focus returns to Jonah and God's deliverance of him. Jonah's rebellion and stubbornness turns to humility in prayer and he undergoes a change for a renewed sense of obedience.

This pivotal section (1:13-16) bridges Jonah's disobedience and God's discipline. It's where the direction changes, figuratively and literally from running away from God, to going towards what God wants.