

God Is Faithful
(1 Corinthians 10:13)

1 Co.10:13: Misused and Misunderstood

- Context: 6, 11
 - Israelite history was intended for their instruction . . . and for ours, 1:1-2.
- 1-2: rescued Israel ...many fell.
- 3-5: rescued Corinth from sin; miracles, yet...many fell (6, 11)

1 Co.10:13: Misused and Misunderstood

12: warning: overconfidence can conquer us.

- Therefore: a warning.
- Let him who thinks he stands: (8:9-13)
- Take heed: don't get careless.
- Lest he fall:
 - Peter: Mt.14 / Lk.22 / Jn.21
 - 1 Jn.1:8
 - Paul set the example: 1 Co.9:27
Encouragement (13): a way out

I. Our Temptations Are Not Superhuman

No temptation has *overtaken*

- Lk.5:5, fishing
- Lk.5:26, paralytic
- Lk.7:16, fear
- 1 Co.10, temptation

Man: human

- Belonging to man
 - 2:13, man's wisdom
 - 4:2, man's judgment
 - 10:13, what man can bear
- Job . . . Paul . . . Jesus

God is faithful

- Worthy of trust, dependable. 2 Pt.2:9.

God is able

- 2x. 1 Pt.5:9

Endure

- Bear up under trouble or difficulty, put up with.

Some prefer excuses

- “Nobody knows how bad I’ve had it.”
- “If you had gone through my trials, you would have done as I did.”
 - Dt.8:1-3
 - 1 Co.5-6
 - Ph.4:13

Excuses block God's forgiveness

- 1 Sm.24, 26, 28, Saul
- Lk.16:27-31, better excuses?

Others resisted far worse temptations than Israel and Corinth

- Gn.6
- Gn.22
- Job
- Hb.11-12:4

I. Our Temptations Are Not Superhuman

II. God Is Faithful

God can be trusted.

- He protects us from temptations above our ability to bear.
- He watches us.
 - Providence. Ex.13:17; Mt.6:13
 - Precepts. Mt.25:14; 1 Jn.5:3; Ac.4.
 - Promises. Lk.9:24.
 - People. Hb.10:24.
 - Power. Ph.4:13

God provides a way of escape with each temptation

- A way out of a defile, mountain pass...
- Gn.39 (1 Co.6:18; 10:14)
- 1 Sm.19:12, Michal
- 1 Sm.23:...14, 19-29, Saul
- **David: Run! Hide!**
 - Persecuted; pursued; poverty; pain; provoked...
 - 2 Sm.11, promotion. 2 Co.12:21

What does 1 Co.10:13 promise?

- Passage doesn't promise escape from temptation.
- Becoming a Christian does not alter our circumstances; it alters our attitude toward them.

I. Our Temptations Are Not Superhuman

II. God Is Faithful

III. We Are Able To
Bear The Temptation

Endure

- To bear up under trouble or difficulty.
- Some problems will not end till we die.
 - 1 Pt.2:19
 - 2 Co.12

Conclusion

1. After a trial we can get bitter or better.
2. Strongest temptations are no excuse for sin.
3. God delivers those who do their best to escape.
4. One of the great temptations in crisis: we no longer need God or the church...
5. Paul made lost souls his business.

