

Faith to Overcome

1 Cor. 10:1-14

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- Introduction: Who has it worse?
 - Is God *really* “faithful and will not let you be tempted [tested] beyond what you are able”? (1 Cor. 10:13b)
 - How do we apply 1 Cor. 10:13 (No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.) in light of 10:14 (Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.)?
 1. Overcoming temptation to sin (the usual, and correct, application)
 2. Consider “temptation” = *πειρασμός* (peirasmos) “a putting to proof (of good), experience (of evil), solicitation, discipline or provocation); by implication, adversity” (*Strong’s Greek Lexicon*)
 3. Consider the context (1 Cor. 10:1-6). Paul started with Israel’s journey of faith from Egypt to the Promised Land.
 4. Israel faced much “adversity” when they followed God
 - Increased persecution under Pharaoh (Ex. 5-13)
 - Pursued by Pharaoh’s army (Ex. 14)
 - Lack of clean water in the desert (Ex. 15)
 - Lack of food in the desert (Ex. 16)
 - No water in the desert (Ex. 17)
 - “Abandoned” by Moses/God (Ex. 32)
 - Lack of food variety (Num. 11)
 - Unconquerable cities and people in the Promised Land (Num. 14)
 - Then 40 years of wandering and other adversity
5. “Pastor” Paul says:
- 1) “No, you are not facing something (temptation or trial) that nobody else has every faced or can understand. What’s more, God is faithful. He’s not going to lay more on you than you can handle.” (cf. 1 Cor. 10:13)
 - a. God knows exactly what you can take.
 - b. What you face He has given you because you are *worthy* of such an honor
 - c. God is faithful even when you are not
 - 2) Don’t abandon God; flee the things that would take His place. (cf. 1 Cor. 10:14)