

First Baptist Church of Progress Village
Wednesday Bible Study
1 Corinthians Chapter 10 Part 1
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I. Dangers of a Complacent Congregation

1 Corinthians 10:1-4 (NASB) *For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and all ate the same spiritual food; and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.*

- A. **All** of the church was experiencing the rich blessings and gifts of God **together**.

1 Corinthians 10:5 (NASB) *Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.*

- B. **Most** of them suffered **fatal** consequence because of disobedience.

Only the new generation (except Joshua and Caleb) entered, as the original exodus generation passed away. Numbers 26:51 & Numbers 14:26-33

1 Corinthians 10:6-10 (NASB) *Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO PLAY." Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day. Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents. Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.*

- C. The disobediences God punishes in His people

- 1) **Craving** evil things. Lustful, conniving, scheming imaginations. (1 Cor 10:6) (Num 11:4) *10:6 Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved.*
- 2) **Idolatry**, The golden calf. (1 Cor 10:7a) (Ex 32:4) *10:7a Do not be idolaters, as some of them were;...*
- 3) **Sexual** Immorality. Sex parties/ nakedness. (1 Cor 10:6b) (Ex 32:5-6) *10:7b...as it is written, "THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO PLAY."*
- 4) Immoral **Behavior**. (1 Cor 10:8) (Num 25:1-5,9) *10:8 Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day.*
- 5) **Testing** God's authority and patience. (1 Cor 10:9) (Num 16:41-49) *9 Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents.*

- 6) **Complaining**. Constantly taking God for granted. (1 Cor 10:10) (Num 21:4-7) *10 Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.*

Jude 1:5 (NASB) *Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe.*

D. Believers are expected to **learn** from and **respond** to God's standard.

1 Corinthians 10:11 (NASB) *Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.*

E. **Scripture** is given to us for instruction, correction, rebuke, that we may be fully equipped to serve and survive.

1 Corinthians 10:12 (NASB) *Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.*

F. Believers must be ever humble, **watchful**, and grateful to avoid pitfalls.

II. The Power To **Stand Firm** In Jesus

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NASB) *No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.*

A. God knows what we can bear and how much we can bear, so He limits every temptation within our ability to overcome it. God is **FAITHFUL**.

B. Nothing is too **hard** for God.

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| a. Too enticing | g. Too pleasing |
| b. Too appealing | h. Too self-exalting |
| c. Too attractive | i. Too promising |
| d. Too forceful | j. Too ego-bosting |
| e. Too satisfying | k. Too stimulating |
| f. Too fulfilling | l. Too arousing |

1 Corinthians 10:14 (NASB) *Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.*

C. God **ALWAYS** gives _____ the ability to flee temptation!

Next Week Finish Reading Chapter 10:14-33