



Things That Are Too Hard to Handle

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TODAY'S READING: 1 Corinthians 10

You have probably heard – or maybe even said – “God will never give you more than you can handle.” Sounds really good but there is just one problem. The Bible does not teach that. In fact, Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 1:8-9, “We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.”

In 1 Corinthians 10:13 Paul says several very important things about temptation:

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. The trials and temptations you are currently facing are common to man. That means others have experienced the exact same things, and they are common. Everyone struggles with fear of man. Everyone struggles to repay good for evil, to give a soft answer instead of a hard one. These are common struggles. This is huge, because it means you are not alone. One of the great lies we can believe is our suffering or temptation is unlike any that others have experienced before. Scripture says that is not true. Hebrews 4:15 says, “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

God is faithful. We can believe and trust--He is trustworthy, dependable, inspiring trust/faith. God keeps His promises. Not one of them falls to the ground unfulfilled. He has promised to be a very present help in times of trouble (Psalm 46:1), to forgive our sin and remove it as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103:11-14; Isaiah 1:18), to be near to the broken hearted (Psalm 34:18), and to hear our cries for help (Exodus 2:24-25, Psalm 145:18; John 9:31). The following promises given in this verse are based on an unchangeable character quality of God: His faithfulness. He can no more renege on His promises to you than he can stop being Himself. Just as water is wet or the sky is blue, God is faithful.

He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability. God is active in our trials. He is not passively sitting back, watching what we are doing and hoping we will make the right decision. He is actively engaged in our struggle, giving us the resources to resist temptation and ensuring that every temptation and trial that comes to us is never so big that there is no way to resist.

But with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. God promises He will not leave us in a place where the only option for moving forward is sin. The goal is endurance.

PRAYER: Father, thank You for walking through the hard times with us.

TOMORROW'S READING: 1 Corinthians 11

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