

## **Sermon Discussion**

### **5 July 2020**

Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 together.

#### **Dig Deeper**

Paul cited to the Corinthians the illustration of Israel. They were greatly blessed by God but often experienced His discipline. Israel of old was reckless and unrestrained after her physical and spiritual freedom from tyranny in Egypt. Like the Corinthians (and Christians today!), they were all in the race, but almost all were disqualified in spite of their advantages (God's presence, power, and provision).

The Apostle Paul pointed toward the One on whom the Corinthians could rely. The temptations that seized the Corinthians were like those people had always faced. They could be met and endured by depending on God, who is faithful. Part of the Corinthian problem was that some in the face of temptation were not looking for a way out by endurance, but a way in for indulgence.

1. Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-9. Why did God allow Paul (and why does God allow us) to experience trials and difficulties, grief and pain, more than we can bear?
2. There is a correlation between struggling in our circumstances and struggling in with our temptation. What if the abundant life that Christ promises us actually means a life of moments we can't handle so that we are constantly leaning on Him?
3. How does remembering God's dealings with His people in the past encourage and strengthen you for today?
4. Have you ever misunderstood a verse in the Bible and misapplied its meaning to your life? If so, can you share an example? How did you receive the correction?

#### **Application & Prayer**

- Think about a particular temptation with which you currently struggle. Search the Scriptures for a verse(s) that addresses that temptation through either a command to obey or an encouragement to embrace. Memorize it and recite it every day for the next week.
- Ask God to deepen your trust that He doesn't give you more than you can handle regarding temptation. Pray that you will see the escape routes clearly and quickly and then follow them. May your reliance on Him grow.