

The Peril of Overconfidence

Series: "Freedom in Christ," Part 3 of 4

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Letting Our Guard Down. _____

Learning from the Past. _____

The Five "ALLs" (Five Privileges).

1. ALL Were Under the _____ (vs. 1). _____

NT Parallel: _____

2. ALL Passed Through the _____ (vs. 1). _____

NT Parallel: _____

3. ALL Were Baptized into _____ (vs. 2). _____

NT Parallel: _____

4. ALL Ate the Same _____ (vs. 3). _____

NT Parallel: _____

5. ALL Drank the Same _____ (vs. 4). _____

NT Parallel: _____

EVERY GREAT PRIVILEGE THE ANCIENT JEWS ENJOYED HAS A PARALLEL FOR US, AND MORE!

"Nevertheless" = the strongest _____ (adversative) in Greek

"God was not pleased with most of them" (vs. 5). _____

(Num 14:29) *In this desert your bodies will fall—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me.*

"TOP FOUR" TEMPTATIONS FROM ISRAEL'S PAST

1. _____ (**The Golden Calf, vs. 7**)
(Exo 32:6 NIV) *So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.*

2. _____ (**Immorality (Balaam's Error, vs. 8 and Jude 11).**)
(Num 25:1 NIV) *While Israel was staying in Shittim, the men began to indulge in sexual immorality with Moabite women,*

3. **Testing God (Lack of _____, The Bronze Snake, vs. 9)**
(Num 21:4b-5 NIV) *But the people grew impatient on the way; {5} they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"*

4. _____ (**Korah's Rebellion, vs. 10).**
(Num 16:3 NIV) *They came as a group to oppose Moses and Aaron and said to them, "You have gone too far! . . ."
(Num 16:41 NIV) *The next day the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. "You have killed the Lord's people," they said.**

"TOP FIVE" TEMPTATIONS FOR SENIORS

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| 1. Spiritual R _____ | 4. C _____ spirit |
| 2. In _____ | 5. W _____ |
| 3. Feelings of R _____ | |

YOUR "TOP FOUR"

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

A Warning Against _____.
(1 Cor 10:12) *So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!*

An Encouragement for _____.
(1 Cor 10:13 NIV) *No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.*

Sermon-based Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of September 27, 2009

I Corinthians 10:1-13

Icebreaker: Describe the most desolate place you have visited.

1. Verses 1-4 describe five blessings and privileges God gave the people of Israel during the exodus (Exodus chapters 14-15). How do they compare to the blessings of Christians today?
 - a. Pillar of cloud and fire
 - b. Red Sea
 - c. Baptized into (identification with) Moses
 - d. Same spiritual food
 - e. Same spiritual drink
2. Verse 4 says that the rock that supplied water in the desert was Christ. From what Pastor Mark said and from what you know about Jesus' ministry in the desert, what meaning does the Rock have to you?
3. Paul also describes four critical temptations of the Israelite people in verses 6-10. How do they compare to the failures of believers today?
 - a. Idolatry (Exodus 32:1-6)
 - b. Sexual immorality (Numbers 25:1-9)
 - c. Testing God = lack of contentment (Numbers 21:4-5)
 - d. Grumbling (Numbers 16:41-50)
4. Testing God and grumbling against God and his leaders are especially offensive to Him. What's wrong with a good grumble now and then?
5. Israel was in the desert, and desert places are often metaphors for places of temptation in scripture. What happened to Jesus in the desert and how did he handle it? (Luke 4:1-13)
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7. Verse five clearly states that God was not pleased with His privileged people. What are the risks that go with being a blessed or privileged people? Why doesn't being God's privileged people guarantee protection from God's judgement?
8. If Israel was spiritually privileged, are we more privileged than they were?
9. Scripture has many purposes, one of which is found in verse 11. What is that purpose? What other purposes can you think of?
10. Paul gives a strong warning in verse 12 pointed directly to us. What is the significance of that warning?
11. Verse 13 is a verse that has been memorized by many believers over the ages. Why is it worth memorizing?
12. Where is the hope in this temptation promise? Why is there no excuse for yielding to temptation?
13. What should we do when we yield to temptation?
14. Pastor Mark describes temptations unique to senior saints on page 1 of *St. Paul's In Action*. Do you agree that different age categories face different kinds of temptations? Explain your answer.
15. How can my group help me stand up under temptation?

Prayer

Pray for victory over temptation for your group members.

Pray for one another's needs.