Scripture this week:

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 6 Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." 8We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. 12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 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.

Is That All There Is For Dinner?

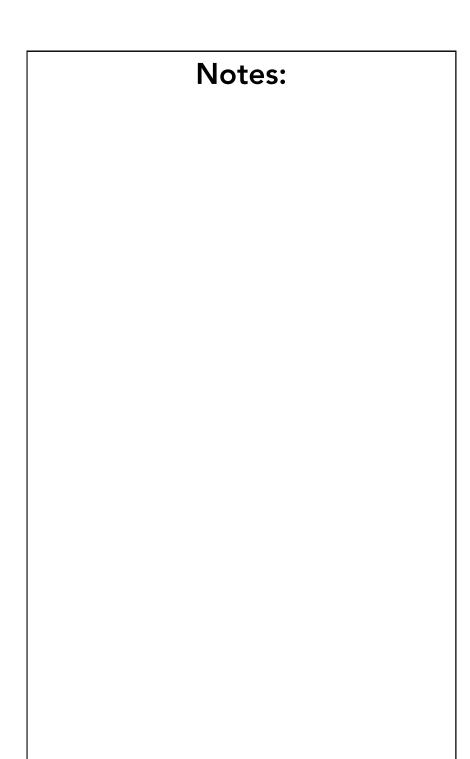
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Paul is passionately writing to the Corinthians to encourage them and us to enthusiastically pursue Jesus. He is concerned that we might have a confidence about our relationship with Him that is unwarranted.

1) All of the Jews had extraordinary experiences with God.

2) While the Jews thought they were good with God, they were not.

3) We are told about the Jews so that we might learn from them.



Life Group Discussion Questions Based on 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Reading the Text:

- 1. In vv. 1-4, what events is Paul referencing "under the cloud", "passed through the sea", "baptized into Moses", "ate the same spiritual food", and "drank the same spiritual drink"?
- 2. In vv. 5-11, Paul cites several examples of what Israel did and what happened to them. In this context, how is this to be an example to the Corinthians?
- 3. What does Paul mean when he encourages "anyone who thinks that he stands" to "take heed"?
- 4. So, now with this context, how would you put v. 13 into your own words? What are the temptations they are facing?

Knowing the Full Picture:

5. Read Philippians 2:12-13. Could this passage from Paul help complement the idea presented in this week's text?

Living It Out:

- 6. As you thought about God growing up (if you did), was He primarily the angry, heavenly policeman, or the kindly, heavenly grandfather who loved you no matter what?
- 7. How do we "take heed" without living in an unhealthy fear of God that undermines the sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf? What's the right balance?
- 8. How do we help each other toward a healthy view of God and trust that in the face of temptation?