

Connect

What's one piece of advice you've received that has stuck with you for a long time?

Verses - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (CSB)

Read aloud:

1 Now I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 3 They 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 that rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless God was not pleased with most of them, since they were struck down in the wilderness.

6 Now these things took place as examples for us, so that we will not desire evil things as they did. 7 Don't become idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and got up to party. 8 Let us not commit sexual immorality as some of them did, and in a single day twenty-three thousand people died. 9 Let us not test Christ as some of them did and were destroyed by snakes. 10 And don't grumble as some of them did, and were killed by the destroyer. 11 These things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our instruction, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 So, whoever thinks he stands must be careful not to fall. 13 No temptation has come upon you except what is common to humanity. But God is faithful; he will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to bear it.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. Read vv. 1-4 pointing out what the Israelites shared together. According to verse 5, what was God's response to these things, and why?

2. Verse 6 states that "these things took place as examples for us." What specific purpose does it mention for these examples?

3. In verse 13, what three assurances are given to believers regarding temptation?

Share

Discuss 1:
In an illustration, Pastor Takeshi states, "We learn from our past or other's past experiences." How does this story illustrate the broader point Paul is making in 1 Corinthians 10 about learning from the Israelites' past? What do Christians share in common with the Israelites? What do the Christians have that they did not?

Discuss 2:
Verse 12 warns, "So, whoever thinks he stands must be careful not to fall." Why do you think it's important for believers who feel secure in their faith to still be cautious about falling into sin? How can we maintain this carefulness without living in constant fear?

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.