

Sermon Notes

"Why Study Numbers"

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

February 6, 2022

6. Why has God given us the stories of Israel's experiences (10:6, 11)? How is a knowledge of such experiences supposed to function in our spiritual lives?

7. What lesson does Paul draw from Israel's experience (10:12)? How much of your day-to-day life do you spend with an attitude that thinks "I'm standing firm. I'm OK. I'm not at risk of falling to temptation"? How would Paul admonish you?

8. Why is it significant that every temptation you encounter is "common to man" (10:13)?

9. How does God help us escape temptation (10:13)? What escape route has God provided for a specific temptation you face? What promise or warning do you want to remember to help you stand up under temptation this week?

Let's Pray

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 2-06-2022

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Getting Started:

1. What is one event in your own extended family history that has influenced your life?

Digging Deeper:

Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13.

2. To understand the context of these verses, read the following: 1 Cor. 8:4-13; 9:22-27; 10:14, 19-20. What is the overarching question (8:4, 10)? Why would Paul or another Christian consider restricting their freedom (9:12,18,23)? How does 10:1-13 form the support for his conclusion in 10:14, 19-20, 31-33?
3. How were the ancient Israelites “baptized” (10:2)? What was the Israelites’ spiritual food and drink (10:3)? How are these experiences similar to the Christian ordinances of baptism and communion?
4. All of Israel (the word *all* occurs five times in 10:1-4) shared in the redemption from slavery, the baptism, and the spiritual food and drink. However, why didn’t their “baptism” and “communion” guarantee that all escaped destruction (10:5-6)?
5. What four negative examples does Paul recount from Israel’s history (10:7-10)? What four Corinthian problems do they reflect? How are these same examples relevant to your life?