

BE A BRINGER

"40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus" John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;...." I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

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PRAY

- Pray for the violence in San Carlos.
- Pray for Kevin with the loss of his mother in mid-January 2024.
- Pray for all of those who lost homes and vehicles in the San Carlos Watch Fire.

PRAISE

- Praise God that we made it through the trials of 2024.
- Praise God for the blessings of 2024:
- VBS was in August of 2024. There was a great spirit among the kids and 2 boys were saved.
- The Services, Sunday School, Kids and Teens Ministries, Bible Studies, and outreach are all doing well.
- A special Christmas play in December

BUT GOD
changes everything

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Study Date: 05/04/25

We Are Tempted, BUT GOD Overcomes

Temptation is a battle for every Christian, and the Bible has much to say about this. One common passage is 1 Corinthians 10:13, which states, "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. 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 endure it."

This verse is part of a discourse on food sacrificed to idols, which began in chapter 8. Later, Paul offers words of caution for his readers regarding sin and temptation. He cites the failures of the Israelites in the Old Testament as a warning against indulging in evil. Idolatry, sexual immorality, and even grumbling against God are actions a Christian should avoid. This applies to both the strong and weak. The former should be careful not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:12), and the weak should not be led astray by the freedom of the strong.

We know we should avoid sin, but, to our dismay, we still face temptations. This is a consequence of the sinful world in which we live and the sinful nature within that desires what is contrary to God's will (see Galatians 5:17). There will come a time when we're glorified and completely free of sin (Romans 8:30; 1 John 3:2). For now, as we go through the process of sanctification, Christians long for eternity (2 Corinthians 5:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-2).

First Corinthians 10:13 addresses our inclination to sin with a fact: "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind." This can be paraphrased as "there's nothing you are tempted by that no one has ever gone through before." Our temptations are not unique to us; others have battled with something similar. This is encouraging for tempted Christians who feel no one will understand what they are being enticed to. It also prevents despair. If someone else has overcome the same temptation, there's an open door for more overcomers.

The remaining part of the verse provides further encouragement: "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 endure it." The popular slogan "God will not give you more than you can handle" comes from a misinterpretation of this verse. We will face hardship, and some of those difficulties might very well be things we cannot handle on our own. But, if we belong to Christ, God will not allow any difficulty to come our way that we are incapable of bearing *in the power of Christ*. With every temptation and every testing we face, God will remain faithful to us. He might not keep us from the test, but He will provide a way to endure the test.

Resource: Gotquestions.org

KEY VERSE

I Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV)

"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."

Read I Corinthians 10:12-13 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: I Corinthians 10:13

Introduction

1. According to paragraph 3 on page 1, despite knowing that we should always avoid sin, why will we "still" be challenged by temptation?
2. According to I Corinthians 10:13, what assurance does God give us when we are faced with temptation?

Tuesday: I Corinthians 10:12-13a; Genesis 3:1; Hebrews 4:15

We Are Tempted But God Overcomes

3. When and with whom does sin and temptation "originate" from? How long has it been within us according to Genesis 3:1?
4. Hebrews 4:15 tells us "*we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weakness.*" Is it actually a "sin" to be tempted?

Wednesday: I Corinthians 10:13b; I Corinthians 10:13c

But God Is Faithful

5. As we walk through life we are "all" faced with temptation. That said, will YOU "*be tempted beyond what you are able*"? (1 Corinthians 10:13b)
6. While God allows temptation in our lives, what does He provide for us every time we come up against it according to I Corinthians 10:13c?

Thursday: Ep. 6:10-11; Mt. 6:13a,26:41; Ga. 5:16; Ps. 119:10-11

Overcome Temptation: Refuse, Request, Refocus

7. What does Ephesians 6:10-11 call us to as believers? Are we to be intimidated by temptation? What do we need to "*put on*" in verse 11?
8. There is no victory against temptation without God's help! How does Matthew 6:13a teach us to request His help through prayer?
9. Psalm 119:10 states; "*let me not wander from Your commandments!*" How should we apply this Scripture when we're *too focused* on our own desires?

Friday: Ga. 6:7-8; Hb. 11:24-25; Rom. 13:14; Ec. 4:9-10; Ja. 5:16

Overcome Temptation: Recognize, Rule, Reveal

10. Moses shows amazing faith in Hebrews 11:25 by recognizing the consequences of choosing sin over suffering. Do YOU recognize them?
11. We are commanded in Romans 13:14 to "*make no provision for the flesh.*" How must we "rule our environment" to adhere to this command?
12. James 5:16 is very clear in telling us that we must "*confess our trespasses to one another.*" How often are YOU *revealing* yours to a trusted friend?