

Sunday, October 15, 2023
MAKING IT ALL THE WAY
PART 1: TEMPTATION

We are beginning a new series of studies today called, "Making it all the Way". The name infers making it all the way to the destination – to the inheritance God has for you/us. We are going to use 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 as our foundational scripture:

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (NKJV)

What is this scripture saying to us? First, that the community of people we are reading about experienced spiritual deliverance and had access to the spiritual power among them – the Presence of Christ.

1. They were all saved and delivered.
2. They all had access to the Word and the Spirit.

As individuals, they were offered the meat of the Word and drank from the Spirit of Christ. The Presence was the author of their journey and was the problem solver when they encountered issues and obstacles.

Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

All journeys include some wilderness time. What is the wilderness?

A barren place where resources are absent or scarce. A place in which needs/weaknesses are revealed.

Another definition of the wilderness:

A place of testing which produces a trial of fidelity. A place in which our faith is put on trial.

Not all trials are products of the wilderness. Sometimes, success breeds trial – most of the time a trial of character. In this period in which Christ delivering power, providing power, and presence were among them to sustain them – the people didn't make it through the journey to the destination. Why? Temptation!

The last definition of the wilderness: a place of testing which produces a trial of fidelity. A place in which our faith is put on trial – is basically the definition of temptation. Temptation occurs when we are under some type of duress that causes us to consider options other than the Word of God to solve a problem.

1. Temptations are common to all of us. Your temptation – no matter how unique it seems, is not uncommon.

2. **Your temptation is not greater than your ability to resist in the Spirit.** Satan cannot make you do anything if you are a believer. Your faith in God is your victory.

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. /// 1 John 5:4 (ESV)

3. **God has provided a way out of your temptation. It is found in the Way – Christ Jesus.** Dependence upon Christ is your victory. He will direct your paths out of the temptation.

1 Corinthians 10 lists 3 temptations that stopped the Israelites from making it all the way. We'll discuss each one in the days ahead.

Today's Scriptures:

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- 1 John 5:4 (ESV)