

More than you can handle

Intro: (marshmallow test)

James 4:7

We are called to stand firm against the devil

(Eph 6:10-20)

You can be strong and armored up to fight the devils schemes but he is not our only enemy and standing firm is not our only strategy...

Problem:

Prov 6:20-28

(1 cor 8:1-13)

We are not are not as smart as we might think if our liberty causes our brother to sin

(1 cor 9:19-27)

We are not as free as we might think if our liberty causes our mission to languish

In 1 Cor 10 Paul moves on to point out that we are not as strong as we might think if our liberty causes us to sin

Main Idea:

Its more than they could handle

Its more than we can handle

Run

Implication:

This is not about hardship or persecution or even the devil - there is no hardship or calamity you cannot handle IN Christ

This is about temptation to sin - you cannot handle sin IN Christ that's the point...

This does not say God will not give you more than you can endure - He will not give you more than you can escape...

When it comes to temptation God WILL let you have more than you can handle - but that's the point your were not meant to handle temptation you were meant to run from it...

Application:

Be careful with your liberty - if your liberty causes you to be tempted towards idolatry, sexual immorality, doubt and discontent...run for your life

you were not meant to stand in temptation and resist it - you are not strong enough - you were not meant to be - this is the lesson repeated over and over - you don't merely need Him after you succumb to sin - you need Him when you are planning to (Lord I need you)

Articles for further study:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/god-will-give-you-more-than-you-can-handle/>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/flee-temptation.html>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/sometimes-flight-is-the-best-fight>

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Text:

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1Corinthians 10:1 ¶ **For I do not want you to be unaware**, brothers, that our fathers were **all under the cloud**, and **all passed through the sea**,

1Corinthians 10:2 and **all were baptized** into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

1Corinthians 10:3 and **all ate** the same spiritual food,

1Corinthians 10:4 and **all drank** the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

1Corinthians 10:5 **Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased**, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Deuteronomy 8 (be careful not to forget your dependence when things are good...but how could they forget? Look what they had - if temptation more than they could handle)

num 14:26-35; 20:7-13 (how could Israel forget? How could Moses? If temp. More than he could handle -...)

2 sam 12:7-10 (how could David forget he was the man after Gods own heart? If temp. More than he could handle...)

1 kings 11:1-8 (how could Solomon forget - he was the wisest man on earth -If temp. More than he could handle...)

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1Corinthians 10:6 ¶ **Now these things took place as examples (typos = types) for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.**

1Corinthians 10:7 **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."

1Corinthians 10:8 **We must not indulge in sexual immorality** as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

1Corinthians 10:9 **We must not put Christ to the test**, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents,

1Corinthians 10:10 **nor grumble**, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.

1Corinthians 10:11 **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.

matt 26:30-46 (Peter had to learn the hard way that the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak)

rom 7:7-8:1 (so did Paul - Paul knew he could not simply resist temptation...but what is the answer?)

rom 5:18-6:2 (gen 3:1-7 (no one can resist temptation - we cannot resist temptation - garden everything - stood

there and watched his wife eve and then she gave it to him -gen 3:1-7)

not about losing salvation per se but about losing the Christian experience...

should we give up then and resign ourselves to constant failure? Is this the victorious Christian life we are called to live?)

Heb 12:1-4 (should we just resist more- pluck out our eyes cut off our hands?)

(gal 3:1-13 (is this a call for laws of purity etc?))

col 2:20-23 (is this a call for more effort like the Colossians?)

the author of Hebrews is not calling for us to resist to the point of blood but to call our attention to the one who has already)

heb 3:1-4:16 (we have been given a record of failure to get us to stop looking to ourselves for the answer - to get us to go to the throne of grace in our time of need (Luke 3:21-4:13 (Jesus stood firm against the devil and temptation...))

...but that's the point we don't know we need Him until after we fall...which is why we fall over and over again)

run

1Corinthians 10:12 **Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.**

1Corinthians 10:13 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 (to escape), but with the temptation **he will also provide the way of escape**, that you may be able to endure it.

1Corinthians 10:14 ¶ **Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry**

gen 39:1-13 (before I exhort you to run away ask yourself why he did)

James 1:12-15 (he knew he was being tempted not by God but by his own desire --he fled because not because he was strong but because he knew he wasn't - we think we are too strong too confident)

(matt 5:21-22, 27-28 (he knew what the law is meant to teach us about our nature about our sin...))

Sin aims always at the utmost; every time it rises up to tempt or entice, might it have its own course, it would go out to the utmost sin in that kind. Every unclean thought or glance would be adultery if it could; every covetous desire would be oppression, every thought of unbelief would be atheism, might it grow to its head. (Owen - overcoming sin and temptation)

2 cor 1:8-9 (imp)

1 Tim 1:15 this was not a cute hyperbole- Paul knew he wasn't strong - but we don't - otherwise we wouldn't be so casual about our liberty - app)

Application Questions

MESSAGE RECEIVED
(Do you understand what you learned?)

- What is the main point of this message? (Could you summarize it in your own words?)
- What is something new that you learned?
 - What was your knowledge in this area before you heard this message?
 - Any change you will make in your daily life based upon this new knowledge?
- What reference verse stands out to you and why?
- How did this message encourage you? Why do you think that is?
- Did the message pair with your weekly bible reading in any way?
- What is a struggle you had with this message? It's content or it's application?
- What are some truths that stand out to you in this message?
 - Any life testimonies that you can think of that are good examples of these truths?
- What character/attribute of God stands out to you the most in this message and why?
 - Any specific verse that puts this attribute on display?

MESSAGE APPLIED
(What are you going to do with what you learned?)

Culture

- What are the lies of the world/devil that we need to be aware of that are antithetical to this message?
- What do you think the cultural animosity is towards this message if we apply it rightly?

Church

- How do you see this message impacting the church corporately? (locally/globally)
 - What prayers would be good to pray for the church body based on this message?

Individual

- Is there a sin in your life that this message convicted you of?
 - Why do you think this was a blind spot in your sanctification before this message?
- How did the message address any specific life circumstance you are going through right now?

- Select two questions from the below list and write down your answer to them:
 - How does this message change or impact your:
 - Prayer Life?
 - Evangelism?
 - Bible Reading?
 - Christian Relationships?
 - Non-Christian relationships?
 - Parenting?
 - Role as a Husband/Wife?
 - Workplace?
- **How have you been changed by this message? What is your one memorable takeaway. If I ask you “How did God sanctify you through the preaching of this message, how would you respond?”**