

Message by John Johnson
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When Temptations Overwhelm Us
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

What can you do when someone you love is turning away from God? What can you say to them? This was Paul's situation with the Corinthian church. He was watching a church he loved moving in a bad direction, moving away from God. What do you say in a situation like this? Here's what Paul said.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Are there any specifics you recall from the message that were interesting or challenging to you?

2. Briefly summarize the events of Israel's history that Paul is referring to in verses 1-5.
3. Israel paid a stiff price for their disobedience. What price did most of them pay?

What price, if any, do we pay for disobedience to God?

4. Larry Crabb wrote in his book, Connecting, "I know of nothing more agonizing than watching someone you love moving in a bad direction and feeling absolutely powerless to do anything about it." Can you recall when you have ever felt this way with someone you cared about?
5. Verses 6 and 11 are amazing statements. What are some examples from the Old Testament, either positive or negative, that can help guide your life today?
6. Paul lists some sins the Corinthians were tempted to commit (verses. 7-10). Are any of these relevant to believers today? If so, how so?
7. Paul says any of us can make it through the wilderness. In verses 12-13, what two attitudes does he say we must have in order to make it?
8. How can we grab ahold of God's power when we are being barraged with temptation? Be specific and practical in your answer.