

1 CORINTHIANS  
**CALLED OUT**  
SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM



Sermon: **The Little Christian That Couldn't (1 Corinthians 10:11-13)**

Date: **November 27, 2016**

We learned in 1 Corinthians 10:6-11 that there were thousands upon thousands of Israelites in the Old Testament who were saved from slavery in Egypt and baptized in to the Red Sea, only to be killed in the desert on their pilgrimage to the promised land. In fact, of those who were once enslaved to the Egyptians, only Caleb and Joshua made it to the promised land. These things took place as an example for us. We must not be seized by our temptations like the Israelites who died in the wilderness. We want to make it to the promised land. But how can we do so? How can we flee from temptation and stay on the narrow path? Paul answers that question for us in 1 Corinthians 10:11-13. In this week's study, we will learn that we cannot do it on our own. If you try to flee from temptation in your own strength, you will fail. We can't, but God can. The power to overcome temptation comes from our communion with him. Apart from Christ, we can do nothing.

What you need for this study: Bible, Notebook, Pen

**Individual Bible Study**

1. Please read 1 Corinthians 10:11-13 and ensure that you've listened to Sunday's sermon.
  - a. In verse 12, Paul warns anyone who thinks he stands on his own. Why is it a problem to trust in ourselves?
  - b. What are some examples of ways that we trust in ourselves instead of God? Why might we wrongly choose to trust in ourselves in these situations?
  - c. Examine the words "*stand*" and "*fall*" in verse 12. How do they contrast and play off of one another?
  - d. If you think you can, you'll quickly realize you can't. List some examples where we constantly fall into temptation if we think we can conquer it on our own.
  - e. Paul is writing to Christians that confidently believed they were strong enough to resist the temptation of idolatry while they ate food sacrificed to idols. What are some ways that Christians might foolishly play fast and loose with sin?
  - f. In verse 13, Paul writes, "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man." What is significant about this statement?

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- g. Look up Psalm 57:2-3, 57:10, 85:8-12, & 91:1-6 and write down what you learn about God's faithfulness.
- h. How does God sovereignly govern our temptations? How does this encourage you as you fight against sin?
- i. God provides a way of escape in temptation (v. 13). How does waiting on God help us cope with temptation?
- j. How can you better commune with God so that you can be better equipped to flee from temptation?

### Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the sermon and the Bible study this week?
2. What are some situations in which we might be tempted to trust in ourselves instead of God? Why is this dangerous? How can we take heed in these situations?
3. What are some ways that we might be tempted to play fast and loose with sin? What does it say about our relationship with God when we decide to flirt with temptation?
4. The answer to temptation is God. He is faithful, he governs our temptations, he provides the way of escape, and he gives us the strength to endure. How do these truths encourage you? How can you use these truths to fight temptation in your life?
5. In the moment of temptation, what can we do to practically flee from sin and run to God instead?
6. How can we learn to delight in God more than anything else?

### Accountability Question

This week, how will you commune with God so that you can be better equipped to flee from temptation?