

Take The First Exit

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1 Corinthians 10:1-17

When traveling, we need to take the right exit to reach our destination. Airline personnel instruct passengers to locate the nearest exit in case there is an emergency. When tests such as sickness, sorrow, and loss come, we may not see an exit. Instead, God offers grace to endure. He is with us in the midst of these tests, as He was with the young men in the fiery furnace (Daniel 3:25).

In 1 Corinthians 10, Paul is writing about enticements to evil. He uses the example of the Israelites in the wilderness. They were guilty of obvious sins, such as idolatry and sexual immorality. When these temptations come, Paul told Timothy, "Flee the evil desires of youth" (2 Timothy 2:22). Take the first exit! Run to the Word of God; run to God in prayer or to a trusted Christian friend.

Paul also warns against less obvious sins—testing God, assuming He will be patient with disobedience. He forbids grumbling. Don't miss the way out God has provided. When tempted to test God, choose to obey.

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