

Big Promises⁴ God's Answer to the Problem of Temptation 1 Corinthians 10:13 1-11-24

1 Corinthians 10:13 "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."

First, temptation is the common experience of all Christians.

Second, God will not allow you to be put in a situation where you must give in to sin.

Third, God's "way out" does not necessarily remove you from temptation, but it puts you in a position to endure it with grace.

1 Peter 5:8 "Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour."

#1 Adopt a Warfare Mentality

Ephesians 6:11 "put on the whole armor of God".

Ephesians 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

2 Confess Christ Openly

Matthew 10:32-33 Therefore, everyone who will acknowledge Me before men, I will also acknowledge him before My Father in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father in heaven.

#3 Sing!

Ephesians 5:19 "speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

#4 Memorize the Word of God

Psalms 119:11 "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

John 17:17 "Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth"

#5 March in Tight Formation

- Love one another.
- Pray for one another.

- Serve one another.
- Build up one another.
- Confess your sins to one another.
- Encourage one another.

Two Final Thoughts

- 1. We are at war with an enemy far stronger than we are.**
- 2. We have a Savior who is far stronger than our Enemy.**