

Lesson G: God promises to see us through

Read Aloud: 1 Corinthians 10:13

Suggested Homework Assignments:

- 1) Write a paraphrase of this verse and personalize it with circumstances from your life.
- 2) Write a paragraph on how God has proven Himself faithful to you through past trials.
- 3) Make a list of good things that could potentially result from your current trial.
- 4) What is the current trial exposing in your sinful heart? In what ways are you tempted to sin as you face your current trial? Write a prayer asking God to help you to face your trial in a way that brings honor to Him. Pray this prayer daily.

Explain: This promise is written to believers only, since it is from a letter written from the Apostle Paul to the Christians in Corinth. The word "temptation" is a 2-sided coin: "trial" on the one and "temptation" on the other since every trial becomes an opportunity for temptation to sin. There is nothing that we could possibly face that would be new, but each trial is "common to man;" others have gone before.

God is faithful. It is not possible for Him to do anything that is against His own nature and His nature is *faithful*. He will never let me down. He will always be there for me. He will always keep His word. He cannot lie. He cannot change since that would be contrary to His very nature. Because His love is always perfect, He will never love me any more or any less than He does right now. He will listen to me. He will act on my behalf. He will empower me, remind me, lead me, teach me, comfort me and stay with me. He will never be any more or any less powerful than He is right now. He can do *anything!* I can count on Him!

God knows exactly how He created each one of us. He knows our strengths, our weaknesses and our limits. He knows what we have been through – good and bad – and He knows what the future holds for us. He knows exactly what He is preparing us for. He knows what He wants to accomplish in us and He knows the kind of pressure needed to complete the process. He knows the resources that He has provided for us – His Spirit, His Word, His people and the privilege of prayer as well as former experiences & preparations for this trial. It is in this context that He promises never to allow us to be tempted or tried beyond what we are able.

He will always provide a way for us to endure the trial in a way that honors Him. Even though we may feel like sinning, we don't have to. It is a choice we make. He has given us all we need to make the right choice. He is not promising a way of escape from the trial; He faithfully provides the way to escape the temptation to sin in the midst of the trial.

As we endure the trial in a way that brings glory to God, it will also bring good to us since God's glory and the Christian's good are interconnected and cannot be separated for He is the vine and we are the branches (John 15:1-5). We are connected forever.

Figure 5.7. Lesson G: God promises to see us through