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NEVER READ A BIBLE VERSE\*

*...and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability...*  
1 Corinthians 10:13

**Fifteen: God Won't Give Us More Than We Can Handle**

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\*Without Context.

TODAY'S VERSES:

- 1 Corinthians 10:13
- Acts 5:41
- 1 Corinthians 1:3-10
- 2 Corinthians 4:17
- Matthew 5:45
- Psalm 46:1-3
- Psalm 121:1-2
- Acts 9:16

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RECAP & DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Starting with Jesus and going down the line, the Bible is mostly about people whose faith in God not only does not prevent their suffering but very often causes their suffering. No one consoles someone else in the bible with, "God won't give you more than you can handle."

1 Corinthians 10:13 doesn't say, "Expect minimal suffering because God won't give you anything you can't bear." Paul says, "Don't let yourself rationalize sliding into sin because God will not allow temptation to come your way without providing a way out for you."

If you have ever suffered pain, you have a contribution to make to others, not from your strength but from your scar, your limp, your wound, and your inadequacy. How we move beyond our temptation and pain both, begins with an understanding of the Gospel.

**Discussion Starters—**

- What kind of suffering have you experienced that felt was more than what you could bear?
- How does 1 Corinthians 10:13 taken out of context point us inward?
- How is comfort a core idol for many of us today?
- When you suffer do you feel alone/isolated?
- What can you do to encourage others that are hurting so that they are not alone?
- How can you represent Jesus to them? How can you share that God is the Father of mercy and all compassion?

ASK US: *What questions do you have that you want to ask us about the topic/verses covered?*