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**1 Corinthians 10:13-14**

**The Way Out When Tempted**

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**Temptation: Common to Humans**

**1 Corinthians 10:13a (ESV)**

No **temptation** has overtaken you that is not **common to man**.

- 'Man-like' temptation & the faithful God
- Context: immorality and idolatry associated with the temple cults
- These temptations are *anthro\_pinos* 'part and parcel of being human' (Thiselton)
- See Deut. 8:2-3 on testing and humility

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**Trust God Who Is the Way Out**

**1 Corinthians 10:13b (ESV)**

God is **faithful**, and he will not let you be **tempted** beyond your ability, but with the **temptation** he will also provide **the way of escape**, that you may be able to endure it.

- Faithful God keeps covenant (Deut. 7:9)
- Escape is relational not technological
- Way of escape is *ho ekbasis* (the exit path)
- This is to trust the covenant-keeping God

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**Flee!**

**1 Corinthians 10:14 (ESV)**

Therefore, my beloved, **flee** from idolatry.

- Paul's tender address, 'my beloved,' shows his love for this troubled congregation
- 'Flee' is *pheugo\_*: also in 1 Cor. 6:18 and implies taking action to escape danger
- 'Therefore' indicates a logical conclusion
- No one will flee from what they deem to be an opportunity!

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**Implications and Applications**

- Escape from temptation is relational and not based on knowledge or special techniques
- The Scriptures are filled with examples to encourage us to seek God and flee from worldly lusts

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**Joseph: An Example of Escape**

**Genesis 39:6b-8 (NASB)**

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. It came about after these events that **his master's wife looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."** But he refused and said to his master's wife, "**Behold, with me here, my master does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my charge.**"

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## Joseph Fled!

### Genesis 39:10-12 (NASB)

As she spoke to Joseph day after day, he did not listen to her to lie beside her or be with her. Now it happened one day that he went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the household was there inside. **She caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me!"** And he left his garment in her hand and **fled**, and went outside.

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## Jesus Resisted All Temptation

### Luke 4:1-13 overview (NASB)

- **Jesus succeeded where Israel failed "led around by the Spirit in the wilderness"**
- **1st temptation: bread, trusted God's greater provision**
- **2nd temptation: worldly glory and power, worship the Lord your God alone**
- **3rd temptation: foolish presumption, do not put the Lord your God to the test**

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## The Lord's Prayer

### Luke 11:2-4 (CSB)

And He said to them, "Whenever you pray, say, **Father, your name be honored as holy.** Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone in debt to us. And **do not bring us into temptation.**"

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## The Exit Path: Cry Out to God

### Psalm 107:6, 13, 19, 28 (ESV)

- **Psalm 107: 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.**
- **Psalm 107:13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.**
- **Psalm 107:19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. (verse 28 repeats)**

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## Run to God Who Keeps Covenant

### Deuteronomy 7:9 (ESV)

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, **the faithful God who keeps covenant** and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations

- **God's promises are given in Scripture**
- **Moses mediated the Old Covenant and Christ mediates the New Covenant**

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