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**1 Corinthians 10:10-13**

**A Warning Against Presumption**

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**Grumbling at God's Provision**

**1 Corinthians 10:10 (ESV)**  
nor **grumble**, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.

- "Grumble" is *gonguzo\_* (onomatopoeic)
- This is a serious sin, not simply temporary unhappiness due to discomfort
- There are various references to cases of grumbling in OT (Ps. 96:14-39; Ex. 16:2; Ex. 17:3; Num. 11:1; Num. 14:2; Deut. 1:27; et. al.)

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**Parallel Construction vss 7-10**

*me\_de* (must not) . . . *kathos* (even as)  
Vs 7: become idolaters even as some of them  
*me\_de* (must not) . . . *kathos* (even as)  
Vs 8: indulge in immorality even as some of them  
*me\_de* (must not) . . . *kathos* (even as)  
Vs 9: test Christ even as some of them  
*me\_de* (must not) . . . *kathaper* (even as)  
Vs 10: grumble even as some of them

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**Exodus Events Teach & Warn**

**1 Corinthians 10:11 (ESV)**  
Now **these things happened to them as an example**, but they were **written down for our instruction**, on whom the **end** of the ages has come.

- The exodus events are historically true and provide revelatory warning and instruction
- We learn about God's saving purposes in Christ which powerfully apply in this age
- 'End' = *telos*—*the church is in the last days*

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**The Self-Assured Must Look Out!**

**1 Corinthians 10:12 (ESV)**  
Therefore let anyone who **thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall**.

- This is a direct application from Paul
- The arrogant "knowers" in Corinth are sure they stand and harm others in the church
- False confidence in special knowledge and spiritual experiences was a set up to fail
- 'Thinks' *dokeo\_* can also imply 'seems'
- 'Stands' is *histe\_mi* (1 Cor. 15:1)

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**Trust God Who Is the Way Out**

**1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)**  
No **temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man**. **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.

- 'Man-like' temptation & the faithful God
- Escape is not a secret way, but relational
- Faithful God keeps covenant (Deut. 7:9)

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### Implications and Applications

- To avoid spiritual danger, be content with God's provision
- The only escape from death is to believe in the Lord and trust His provision

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### They Despised God's Gift

#### Numbers 11:4-6 (NASB)

The rabble who were among them had **greedy desires**; and also the sons of Israel wept again and said, "Who will give us meat to eat? **"We remember the fish which we used to eat free in Egypt, the cucumbers and the melons and the leeks and the onions and the garlic, but now our appetite is gone. There is nothing at all to look at except this manna."**

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### Jesus Offers True Bread

#### John 6:31, 32b, 33-34 (ESV)

Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'...it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but **my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.** For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

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### Jesus Calls for Faith in Himself

#### John 6:39-41 (ESV)

And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that **everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.**" So the Jews **grumbled** about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

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### Jesus' Provision Is Eternal

#### John 6:47-50 (ESV)

Truly, truly, I say to you, **whoever believes has eternal life.** I am the bread of life. **Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.** This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

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### Some Disciples Grumbled

#### John 6:61-5 (ESV)

But Jesus, knowing in himself that **his disciples were grumbling about this,** said to them, "Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. **The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life."**

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