

Together: Study of 1 Corinthians
“The one thing I can do to guarantee God’s punishment”
1 Corinthians 10:1-22
September 16, 2018 / Pastor Shawn

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- ELEVATES OUR DESIRES TO A GOD-THING (10:6)
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- SLANDERING THE CHARACTER OF GOD (10:12-13A)
- UNITES US WITH DEMONS (10:15-21)
- INCITES GOD’S JEALOUSY (10:22)

WHAT IS MY IDOL?
(Questions to Expose my Idols)

- a) What terrifies me the most?
- b) What is my greatest passion?
- c) Where do I run for comfort?
- d) How do I ‘explain myself’ to others?
- e) What do I brag about?
- f) What do I sacrifice the most for in my life?
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2. The only guarantee against God’s punishment is to flee from idols and focus on Jesus.

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¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.
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THE WAY OUT IS THROUGH
- JOHN MACARTHUR (COMMENTARY ON 1 CORINTHIANS 10)

Discussion Questions

1. What was your “A-Ha”? from Sunday’s message? Why did you connect with this?
2. Paul lists several events in Israel’s history. Why does Paul remind the Corinthians (and us) of these events?
3. Why do you think Paul wrote such strong words about idolatry to those who were believers? Why is idolatry such a big deal to God?
4. When you look at our culture, what things look to be idols to you (for example, sporting events could be an idol)? Why do you think we cling to these things?
5. Of the questions Pastor Shawn outlined to self-evaluate your own tendency for idolatry, which question(s) resonated with you? Why?
6. Think of one or two areas where you are currently experiencing temptation. In which one of these areas are you least likely to believe that there is a way of escape? In what way has God in fact provided an escape in the midst of your temptation?
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