

# 1 Corinthians 10:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it**—After stern warnings, Paul offers encouragement. The word *peirasmos* (πειρασμός, "temptation/trial/testing") covers both external trials and internal temptations. **Common to man** (*anthrōpinos*, ἀνθρώπινος, "human/ordinary/within human capacity") means your struggles aren't uniquely severe or insurmountable.

The central affirmation is **God is faithful** (*pistos de ho theos*, πιστὸς δὲ ὁ θεός)—He keeps covenant promises to sustain His people. He **will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able** establishes a divine limit on testing. God sovereignly controls the intensity and duration of trials, ensuring they remain endurable. This doesn't mean comfort—Israel's temptations were severe—but that God's grace matches every test.

**Make a way to escape** (*ten ekbasin*, τὴν ἔκβασιν, literally "the way out") promises divine provision for endurance. Importantly, the escape is to **bear it** (*hypenegkein*, ὑπενεγκεῖν, "to endure/carry"), not to avoid it. God provides strength to persevere through trials, not necessarily removal from them. This

verse is a bulwark against despair: no temptation is irresistible when met with God's enabling grace.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Stoicism taught self-sufficiency in trials through reason and willpower. Christianity offers better hope—God's faithfulness and enabling grace. The Corinthians faced real temptations: social pressure to conform, economic inducements to participate in guild banquets at temples, sexual immorality normalized in their culture. Paul assures them that God's power to preserve exceeds any trial's power to destroy.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. What temptations feel uniquely difficult for you, and how does Paul's promise that they're "common to man" provide perspective?
2. How have you experienced God providing "a way to escape" that enabled endurance rather than escape from trials?
3. In what current struggles do you need to trust God's faithfulness rather than your own strength?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Peter 2:9** (References God): The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

**2 Timothy 4:18** (Parallel theme): And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**2 Thessalonians 3:3** (Faith): But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

**Hebrews 12:4** (Parallel theme): Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

**1 Thessalonians 5:24** (Faith): Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

**Luke 22:46** (Parallel theme): And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

**Jeremiah 29:11** (Parallel theme): For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

**Daniel 3:17** (References God): If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

**Deuteronomy 7:9** (Faith): Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

**Revelation 3:10** (Parallel theme): Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

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