



56. Endure Your Temptation

“No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it,”
1 Corinthians 10:13.

The words translated as *temptation* and *tempted* in this verse mean more than enticed to do evil. They mean being tested, tried, and tempted. Here’s a good paraphrase of this verse, *“No trial or temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tried or tempted beyond what you are able, but with the trial*

or temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it."

You aren't the first person to face a trial or temptation like yours. Others have endured similar ones ... and you can too. God won't let you be pushed too far. Trust Him by hanging on. He will provide a way of escape. Notice the purpose of that provision. The way of escape is provided so that you will be able to endure. Deliverance will come in God's time ... but immediate escape is not promised. Are you pushed to the edge of your endurance? Does it seem that He left you out there for a long time? And does it feel that He has moved the edge farther out to test you more? If so, know that this is normal. Don't give up!

"Let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing," James 1:4. God knows what He is doing. Keep on ... hanging on.