

CALLED TO BE SAINTS **TOGETHER**

Hard Learning

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (ESV)

¹For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now 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. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No 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.

Bridge and context:

The **Exodus** of Israel ...

The warning of **disqualification** ... (chapter 9)

Some **hard lessons** aimed at **soft Christianity**:

_____. By seeing how God dealt with His people in the past, I can learn what to expect from Him today. (Rom 15:4)

Consider the parallels:

If Israel wasn't exempt from judgment, why would I ever think I would be?

The Israelites were destroyed because they _____.
That same lustful desire, left unchecked, will destroy me.

Some specific **examples** of their craving sin:

They created false gods.

I do this today when I ...

They adopted the sexual culture around them.

Have I become _____ and _____ to
the sexual 'norms' of today?

They tested God's _____ and _____.

I do this when I ...

They _____ and _____ against God
and His means of leadership in their lives.

Who is the 'destroyer'?

What does one's **persistent pursuit of sin** reveal?

Warnings against _____ and promises of
_____ are not mutually exclusive!

Adokimos can mean ...

What is the source of genuine **assurance**?

Our ultimate hope is in the _____ and _____
of God who always provides _____ of every temptation.

There is always divine help to those who heed divine warnings.

Final words and **warnings**:

Am I in danger of "**adokimos**"?

Do I think that I am _____ when it comes to sin?

Do I think that I am _____ to the power of sin?

Do I think that " _____ " is no big deal?

Am I " _____ "?