

# Don't Forget to Finish Well



# 2 Corinthians 11:28

<sup>28</sup> Apart from *such* external things,  
there is the daily pressure on  
me *of* concern for all the churches.

# A Question from Corinth



➤ What do we do about idols'  
meat?

# 1 Corinthians 8:1

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies.



# A Question from Corinth



- Paul points to Old Testament examples to teach a lesson.



# Looking at the Past



1) Remember, the Israelites were saved and following God also.

# 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

<sup>1</sup> For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea;

<sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

# 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

<sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food;  
<sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink,  
for they were drinking from a spiritual  
rock which followed them; and the  
rock was Christ.



# Looking at the Past



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2) But God was not pleased with them  
and many died in the wilderness.

# 1 Corinthians 10:5

<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.



# Looking at the Past



3) They are an example, so that  
we won't crave evil.

# 1 Corinthians 10:6

<sup>6</sup> Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved.



# Applying it to Our Lives



# 1 Corinthians 10:7-10

<sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, “THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO PLAY.”

We must not be: idolaters

# 1 Corinthians 10:7-10

<sup>8</sup> Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day.

We must not be: immoral

# 1 Corinthians 10:7-10

<sup>9</sup> Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents.

We must not be: ungrateful



# 1 Corinthians 10:7-10

<sup>10</sup> Nor grumble, as some of them did,  
and were destroyed by the destroyer.

We must not be: grumblers

# Applying it to Our Lives



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1) Don't forget you can fall too.

# 1 Corinthians 10:11-12

<sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.

# Applying it to Our Lives



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2) Remember God is helping you;  
take the way of escape!



# 1 Corinthians 10:13

<sup>13</sup> 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.

# Applying it to Our Lives



3) Flee idolatry.

# 1 Corinthians 10:14

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

# Let's make sure we finish well!

