

THINGS THE  
BIBLE  
DOESN'T SAY

People are well meaning. Often, they want to encourage people when they are suffering. So, we do our best to quote scripture to give comfort. Through mistakes of memory or perhaps purposeful mistakes people will misquote the scriptures. This is not good for the individual you are trying to counsel. It is also not good for the person speaking the words. It isn't good for the church at large. While it is human to err, we should strive to give a clear confession of our beliefs and scripture.

This bible study is going to take some time to look at oft misquoted scriptures. Along the way, it is my hope that you will acquire the tools to speak to these moments and make good things.

**Misquote 1: God won't give you more than you can handle!**

What is it based on? *I Corinthians 10:13 No 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.*

**Context:** At your tables find someone with a study bible (or several). Look at an outline of I Corinthians. Get a sense of what is going on in the book and what is going on in chapter 10. Then read I Corinthians 10:1-22.

1. What does Paul hope that we learn from the Israelites as they wandered in the wilderness those 40 years (vs. 9)?
2. How then does a Christian live their lives in the face of temptation or idolatry? (vs 12)

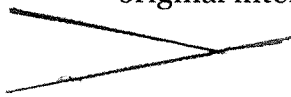
3. (vs 13 rough translation) *faithful now God is, who not will allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but will provide, with the temptation, also the escape, to be able to endure it.*

a. The word for tempted is periazō=to make proof of, test, tempt. This word is used to describe the temptations of the Devil in each of the Gospels. This word is used also when the pharisees come to test him. Paul now tells us that we will experience similar “testing.” What kind of testing did Jesus receive?

b. (At your tables) How far are we able to be tested?

c. (At your tables) How far do we want to be tested? Would we rather be untested than tested? 2 Timothy 2:3

d. So, when this verse is quoted what do you think people mean by it? Does it match the original intent of the verse?



e. What does Paul mean when he says, ***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.***

4. *This, then, is leading us not into temptation, to wit, when He gives us power and strength to resist, the temptation, however, not being taken away or removed. For while we live in the flesh and have the devil about us, no one can escape temptation and allurements; and it cannot be otherwise than that we must endure trials, yea, be engulfed in them; but we pray for this, that we may not fall and be drowned in them. To feel temptation is therefore a far different thing from consenting or yielding to it. We must all feel it, although not all in the same manner, but some in a greater degree and more severely than others; as, the young suffer especially from the flesh, afterwards, they that attain to middle life and old age, from the world, but others who are occupied with spiritual matters, that is, strong Christians, from the devil.<sup>1</sup>*

