

ONE VERSE – ONE PATH TO VICTORY

Dear Friend:

“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it” (1 Corinthians 10:13, NIV). Have you ever sinned and said to yourself: “Why did I do that again?”. I have said it way, way too many times. I feel like the apostle Paul who said in Romans 7:19, “For what I do is not the good I want to do; but the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing”. Sounds depressing, doesn’t it? Do you wonder if Paul has a listening device in your head? Here’s the good news, 7:24b-25, “...who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord”. In other words: Christ in us is the victor! As 1 Corinthians 10:13 says “He (God) always provides a way out”.

I want to briefly unpack 1 Corinthians 10:13. “No temptation has seized you except what is common to man”. You ever feel like you are the only person in the world that struggles with a particular sin? Sorry, you are not. The first part of v. 13 says basically: There’s nothing new under the sun, every temptation in the world has been faced before! “And God is faithful”, This is pretty straight forward, He will never leave you to fight your temptation alone. “He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear”. No matter what comes your way through temptation, you are never tempted beyond your ability to say “no” with the help of God. “But when you are are tempted he will also provide a way out”. Interesting, the phrase “Provide a way out” in the original language literally is: “Provide a way of escape” and that’s what we are trying to do, aren’t we?”. Escape Satan’s snare. May you always “take the way out”.

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Mike

Prayer Request: Midge Gathers (transition to another Assisted Living), Ministry to the Preschool and Scouts, The Valuable Congregational Meeting Sunday

Events: Men’s Breakfast (Friday 6:45 a.m., Tim Hortons Fodor Rd), Congregational Meeting, Fall Festival with The Preschool, help needed (Friday, September 29, 5-7 pm rain date the 30th)