



PART 5: LEAD US

Sermon Notes

Text: Matthew 6:13, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Introduction

Matthew 6:13 “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

1 Corinthians 10:13 “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. 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 endure it.”

The Lord’s prayer is an announcement of the New Exodus. Just as God delivered his people from Egypt, he is now delivering them from sin and death. But along the way there will be testing and temptation.

1 Timothy 1:12-15 “When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.”

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Jesus did not avoid temptation; he faced it at its fiercest. This part of the prayer is his invitation share in his own struggles and experience the same spirituality that sustained him.

1. We’re in this Together

1 Corinthians 10:13 “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind...”

We share a common ailment: broken humanity.

“It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.” – C.S. Lewis

When we sin we are always settling for second best.

One of the most insidious temptations is the temptation of comfort and control:

“Too many Christians have a commitment of convenience. They'll stay faithful as long as it's safe and doesn't involve risk, rejection, or criticism. Instead of standing alone in the face of challenge or temptation, they check to see which way their friends are going.” -Charles Stanley

2. Lord, Lead us

1 Corinthians 10:1 “...our ancestors were all under the cloud...”

The nation of Israel followed a cloud by day and fire by night as they walked through the desert.

Pastor Dave and Rebecca shared their story of how God lead them to come to Bethel.

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3. The Best is Yet to Come

1 Corinthians 10:13 “But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”

God’s great promise is that a season of blessing always follows a season of testing. When we let him lead we will make it to the other side. The Promised Land follows the desert. New life follows the crucifixion.

The best is yet to come in your life, and at Bethel Church!

Conclusion

Life Group Discussion

1. As we conclude our series on the Lord’s Prayer, reflect back and discuss some key points that made an impact on you. How do these new insights affect the way you pray?
2. What was one take-out for you from this Sunday’s message?
3. Temptation is not sin, but where is the line between temptation and sin? What tactics have you used to overcome temptation and avoid sin?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13. On Sunday we only read v. 13, but the whole passage gives context and connects the concept of temptation to the experiences Israel had in the desert.
 - What does this passage teach us about temptation?
 - Paul reminds the believers of Israel’s journey through the desert so that they would not be ignorant (v. 1), to provide an example (v. 6),

and to warn them (v. 11). How does the exodus narrative accomplish this?

- There are four temptations listed in the passage: 1. Idolatry (v. 7), 2. Sexual immorality (v. 8), 3. Testing Christ (v. 9), 4. Grumbling (v. 10).
 - What does it mean to “test Christ”? Why is this a sin?
 - What is “grumbling”? How does this show up in Church communities? What can we do about it?

6. Pray together:

- a) Pray that God would “lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”
- b) Pray for a willingness to submit to God and be led by him.
- c) Pray for those struggling with sin, that God would show them “the way out.”
- d) Pray for our church and our city as we head into the Easter Season.
- e) Other requests:
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