



Gospel ESCAPE
TEXT: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Gospel ESCAPE – God displays the destroyed, that we may be humbled and escape from temptation to Christ

1. THE BAD

- a) Idolatry (v.7, Exodus 32, Romans 1:21-23): Idol worship is worshipping anything that varies from the REVEALED person of God
- b) Sexual Immorality (v.8, Numbers 25): Sex, security, and significance lead to idol worship of a god who is APATHETIC or IMPOTENT
- c) Testing God (v.9, Numbers 21): Comfort and wealth lead to idol worship of a god who is POOR or STINGY
- d) Grumbling (v.10, Numbers 14): Fear and bitterness lead to idol worship of a god who is a LIAR
- e) Spiritual Pride (v. 12): Spiritual pride leads to idol worship of a god who is OURSELF

2. THE GOOD

- a) Realizer of Sin: Exodus 32:26,30-31, Numbers 21:7, Numbers 14:19
 - i. Christians call sin what it is - we understand it and we call it into reality
- b) Faithful Living Testament: Numbers 14:6-10, 24 ; 25:6-8
 - i. Testify of God's true person/ goodness and TESTIFY to it out of FAITH with words and actions by REPENTING of your sins
- c) Humble Intercessor: Ez. 22:30, Jer. 5:1, Num. 14:5; 16:21-22, 47-48, Ex. 32:26

- i. Stand in the breach - flat on your face
- ii. We interceded, not as an independent change agents, but as humble servants who pray for God's enemies

3. THE PERFECT

- a) Humble Intercessor: Hebrews 10:12-14, Romans 8:34, Phil 2:8
 - i. Only Christ can intercede perfectly because he is the only perfect sacrifice
 - ii. He humbled himself to the form of a human
- b) Realizer of Sin: John 3:14. 2 cor. 5:21, Isaiah 53:5, 1 Peter 2:24
 - i. Christ took the form of our curse and our sin so that we can have eternal life
 - ii. By His wounds, we are healed
- c) Faithful Living Testimony: Psalm 106:30-31; 71:15, Phil 2:8
 - i. Only Christ was a perfect faithful living testimony in ALL of life
- d) Escaping Temptation and Craving Christ
 - i. How did the Israelites escape?
 - Moses offers himself as a substitutionary sacrifice, like Christ
 - Phinehas intervened in idol worship, like Christ
 - Caleb testified of God's goodness in the face of death, like Christ.
 - They escaped because someone acted like Christ
 - ii. Enduring, escaping, and not craving sin is not a HOW, but a WHO

“Gospel In Life” questions for REFLECTION & APPLICATION

- 1) **BELIEVE**: WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS**: HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS**: WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE**: WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM**: WHO does God want ME to share these truths with?
- 6) **PREPARE for NEXT WEEK**: Read 1 Corinthians 10:14-22