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## Free to Love Like Jesus: Learning from Israel

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

NOTES:

### Review: Allow Love to Be the Determining Factor Behind Decisions

**1 Cor. 8:1** *Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up.*

**1 Cor. 8:13** *Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.*

**1 Cor. 9:23** *I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.*

### The Call to Love:

**Heb. 10:24** *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

### Israel's Example as Seen in Their Advantages:

**1 Cor. 10:1** *For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.*

### Israel's Example as Seen in Their Failures:

**1 Cor. 10:6a** *Now these things took place as examples for us,*

*To love effectively, we must be disciplined in...*

1. ...maintaining proper desires.

**1 Cor. 10:6b** *that we might not desire evil as they did.*

2. ...keeping God central.

**1 Cor. 10:7** *Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.”*

### 3. ...pursuing purity.

**1 Cor. 10:8** *We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.*

### 4. ...cultivating confident trust in Jesus.

**1 Cor. 10:9** *We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents,*

### 5. ...embracing gratitude.

**1 Cor. 10:10** *nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.*

## We Can Trust God's Work, Character, and Promises to Help Us in Our Goal to Love

### 1. Remember Israel's example, as well as our New Covenant advantages.

**1 Cor. 10:11** *Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.*

**2 Cor. 3:10** *Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it.*

### 2. Maintain humble reliance on God by rejecting inclinations towards pride.

**1 Cor. 10:12** *Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.*

### 3. Face temptation with expectation of God's powerful provision and compassion.

**1 Cor. 10:13a** *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.*

## Review/Discuss/Apply:

1. How would you characterize the role of spiritual discipline in your life? What specific advantages have you experienced as you pursue those disciplines? How do they help you increase in your love for God and others?

2. Share with someone the practical benefits found in 1 Cor. 10:13.

#### SONGS

*NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD*

*GOD SO LOVED*

*AMAZING GRACE*

*TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE*

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