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Message Series  
"Messy Church"

**"Take Heed Lest You Fall"**

**1 Corinthians 10:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

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"So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!" – v. 12, NIV

**The truth about temptation**

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What was the problem in Corinth? (the text in context)

**'Therefore...flee from idolatry'**  
(Four 'don'ts' for overcoming temptation)

**1. Don't \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea..." (v. 1)*

[Exodus 13, 16, 17]

**2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did....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." (vs. 6, 11)*

Examples – "as some of them did"

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**3. Don't \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall." (v. 12)*

**4. Don't \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"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." (v. 13)*