

FUSION Q's... Relationships that Honour God 5: Destroy the Altar!

Discussion Questions

Read 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

Q1. Why did God put to death 23000 people?

Q2. Why did the people who were killed deserve death? Why do you think God was so angry with what they did?

Q3. What do you think about the statement: "He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand"? How does God's faithfulness in the middle of your temptation reassure you?

Q4. If God provides a way out of sin, why do we fall into it so much?

Review the 3 ways to deal with temptation

Q5. In the clip from The Matrix Trinity ran as soon as she saw the agents. If the agents represent sexual temptation, what would it look like in your life to run from that temptation?

Q6. Is it possible to resist sexual temptation? How?

Q7. When God says to pray "lead us not into temptation" he is telling us to ask him to show us where temptation is so we can steer clear of it. Are you willing to ask God to help you recognize where temptation is in your life? If so, are you also willing to give up things in your life that God shows you are causing temptation?

Q8. Are you serious about destroying the altar you may have to the god of sex in your temple? Explain *specifically* how you are going to do this.

Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion

1 Corinthians 10:6-15 (p.689)

⁶ These things happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did, ⁷ or worship idols as some of them did. As the Scriptures say, "The people celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry." ⁸ And we must not engage in sexual immorality as some of them did, causing 23,000 of them to die in one day.

⁹ Nor should we put Christ to the test, as some of them did and then died from snakebites. ¹⁰ And don't grumble as some of them did, and then were destroyed by the angel of death. ¹¹ These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age.

¹² If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. ¹³ The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

¹⁴ So, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols. ¹⁵ You are reasonable people. Decide for yourselves if what I am saying is true.

3 ways to deal with temptation:

RUN... 1 Corinthians 6:18 (p. 687)

¹⁸ Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body.

RESIST... James 4:7-8 (p. 736)

⁷ So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

RECOGNIZE... Matthew 6:13 (p. 580)

¹³ And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.