

## Introduction - *Wednesday's Tornado*

## A Study of 1 Corinthians

### Part IV: FREEDOM!

Week 1: The issue of freedom and knowledge and rights

Week 2: Paul's choice NOT to exercise his own freedom

Week 3: Instead, Paul seeks to become all things to all people.

THIS WEEK - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

### The Example of the Israelites

1 Cor.10:1-5

- Cloud and the Sea
- Baptism, Communion, and Jesus in the Old Testament?
- God was not pleased!

### Example Fail! - 1 Cor. 10:6-11

- Idolatry (Exodus 32:1-6)
- Sexual immorality (Numbers 25:1-9)
- Put Christ to the test (Numbers 21:4-9)
- Grumbling (Numbers 16:41-50)

"Take heed!" - 1 Cor. 10:12

"God is faithful" - 1 Cor. 10:13

### A common temptation

### Application - "So, what now?"

1. Is there any area of your life where you find yourself "desiring evil"?
2. Will you heed the examples in front of us today and turn to the God who is faithful?

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Tree crews on Thursday begin to remove a huge tree from a home on Portland Avenue in south Minneapolis.  
Richard Sennott, Star Tribune





## **PART 4: FREEDOM!**

**~ WHAT IS IT?**

**~ HOW DO WE  
GET IT?**

**~ HOW DO WE  
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Exodus 13:21-22 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. **22** The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

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**Exodus 14:21-22** Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. **22** And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

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Exodus 16:4, **35** Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not” ...The people of Israel ate the manna forty years, till they came to a habitable land. They ate the manna till they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

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**Exodus 17:1, 5-6** All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness...but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." ...And the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink."

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~David E. Garland

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**Caught with a Hand in the Cookie Jar** by timichel | Challenge: Fear (Classic Editing) |  
Camera: Kodak DX3900 | Location: kitchen | Date: Jul 2, 2002



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- Ever considered the poisonous pleasures of sin to be of greater value than the surpassing worth of Christ?







