

How Much Can I Handle, Really? (1 Corinthians 10:13)
When God is Misunderstood sermon series
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BIG IDEA: Only God, who allows us to be tempted, can open the door to let us escape.

Things to remember when faced with temptation:

1. **We are not alone.** (1 Corinthians 10:13) Having the God of the universe on our sides, when we're faced with temptation, helps us handle what comes our way. He will never fail to give us the help we need.
2. **We need God to be able to do this.** (1 Peter 2:20-21) On our own, we are too weak to handle sin. If God did everything for us, on His own, we would gain nothing from it and lose our individuality. It has to be both working together.
3. **There is a purpose.** The purpose God has for our temptation is beyond what we can understand. God has the big picture in mind. We may never know the full impact of our own story, but that's why our faith is put in God for the purpose of our trials.

MY NEXT STEP: *What am I dealing with that is more than I can handle? In these situations, am I relying on God's strength or just my own?*

QUESTIONS FOR MY TIME WITH GOD:

1. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt like God gave you "more than you can handle?" **Were you tempted to/ did you run away from the situation?**
2. How can knowing that you are never alone (since God is with you) allow you to persevere through life's trials this week?
3. Next week we will be continuing this series by looking at a passage that sometimes can be misunderstood, Proverbs 22:6. We will answer the question, "What Did I Do Wrong with My Kid?" How would you most clearly describe what God is communicating to us here? How might this verse be misunderstood?

PRAYERS FOR MY TIME WITH GOD: Youth/Children

As our students are returning to school, pray that Christ will live in their hearts, that they will trust in Him, and have the power to understand how deeply God loves them. May they commit their lives to Christ and His Word dwell within them.