1 - **Take Heed that you do not Fall –**1 Corinthians 10:1-12

2 – **Context**

1 Corinthians 10:1 begins with the word ***“For”,*** connecting it with the context of the previous chapter(s).

* **Chapter 8** deals with **exercising our liberties** - what we may or may not do and not **causing our brethren to stumble**. (note vs. 8-13)
* **Chapter 9** deals with Paul’s right to be **supported by them to preach** the gospel but his **decision to forego**. (vs. 1-18)
* Continuing in **Chapter 9**, Paul discusses the need to make **all decisions in light of our ability to teach others the gospel and save souls**. (vs. 19-23).
* Finally, Paul **ends Chapter 9** discussing the need to **run the Christian race with every ounce of effort and self-discipline so that he is not “*disqualified*”**. (vs. 24-27)

3 - **“I do not want you to be unaware…”**

**Ignorance** is deadly… who composed the church in Corinth? (1 Corinthians 12:1)

**ALL** **were delivered** from captivity by God and provided for.

* **We need confidence** (1 John 2:28-29) but need to beware of **overconfidence**.
* **We can fall away**… (Hebrews 3:12; 4:11)
* **We can come short** of our goal… (Hebrews 4:1ff)
* **Will we trust in our (past) righteousness**? (Ezekiel 33:12-13)

Paul finishes this context by saying, ***“take heed that he does not fall”*** and God will ***“provide a way of escape”.*** (vs. 12-13)

4 - **The Best teacher…**

We need to learn from the mistakes and shortcomings of others.

* **What led to them.**
* **What they cost them.**
* **How to avoid them.**

The call to avoid the sins Israel committed after (all) being delivered by God.

* “***Now these things happened as examples for us***…”
(1 Corinthians 10:6, 10) & were “***written for our instruction***”.

5 – **The Best teacher…**

“**All**…” (1 Corinthians 10:1-4)

1. “**Under the cloud**…” (Exodus 13:21-22; 14:20; Numbers 10:34; 14:14)
2. “**Passed through the sea**…” (Exodus 14:21-22)
3. “**Were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea**…”
4. “**Ate the same spiritual food**…” (Exodus 16:15; Nehemiah 9:15)
5. “**Ate the same spiritual drink**…” (Exodus 17:6)

6 - **The Best teacher…**

“*Nevertheless, with* ***MOST*** *of them G****od was not well-pleased****; for the were* ***laid low*** *in the wilderness*.” (vs. 5)

* The contrast of the “***all***” & the “***most***” or the **greater part**.
* “***Not well pleased***” - that is, not approved, i.e., rejected.
* “***Laid low***” - not just humbled (though they were) but “strewn down”.

**“*These things happened as examples for us*…”** (vs. 6, 11). We’re to learn from their mistakes.

7 - **Do Not Be…**

1. **Those who crave evil things… (vs. 6)**
* **Crave** - A ardent longing or desire, for good or bad. Determined by who’s will creates the longing.
* As the Israelites craved for meat as they looked back to their captivity. (Numbers 11:4ff; 25:1ff; 31:16; Rev. 2:14)
* Application to Corinth? Consider their environment…
* Application to us?
* **How do we avoid**? (Romans 12:21; Philippians 4:8)