



## “More Than You Can Handle”

1 Corinthians 10:13

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### CONSULT THE SCRIPTURES

**1 Corinthians 10:13** *“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.”*

(See also 1 Cor. 7:1; 8-10; 2 Cor. 1:8-11; 4:7-18; 11:24-29a; Rom. 5:1-5; Js. 1:13-15; Heb. 2:18; 4:15-16)

### DISCUSS

1. What’s your favorite “What About Bob?” quote?
2. Pastor Patrick referenced “Moralistic Therapeutic Deism” (M.T.D.) as a common perspective today concerning faith and religion. What does the phrase mean?<sup>1</sup> Where do you see this present in the Western church? How has this perspective affected you?
3. Discuss the possible relationship between M.T.D. (above) and the common saying, “God will not give you more than you can handle” (likely a loose quotation of 1 Cor. 10:13).

<sup>1</sup>“Moralistic” is about doing and being good (i.e. works righteousness). “Therapeutic” is about feeling good. And “deism” (though distinct from classical deism by the use of the the term “therapeutic”) is about a god who is only there when we need him to assist us.

4. Will God actually not give us more than we can handle? Read the following: 2 Cor. 1:8-11; 11:24-29; 4:7-18; Rom. 5:1-5. Why might the opposite be true?
5. Read 1 Cor. 10:13. After considering the context, what is Paul actually talking about? What does the verse actually mean?
6. What does Paul mean by a “way of escape?” Why is that good news?
7. What immediate applications can be made in light of this text?

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