

## “The Way of Escape” Part 2

1 Corinthians 10:13

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## “Way of escape” # 1

- **Follow the example of Jesus!**

- 1 Peter 2:21-24; 4:1-4
- Don't be brought down to the tempter's level! – Mt. 27:11-44 (Smote, Mocked, Spat)
  - Did no sin!
  - Did not use guile!
  - Did not revile back!
- Went as a lamb to the slaughter!
  - Isa. 53:7
  - “the Lamb of God” – John 1:29, 36

Matthew 5:39

but I say unto you, resist not him that is evil: but whosoever smiteth thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

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## “Way of escape” # 2

- **Don't violate your conscience!**

- Romans 14:23
- Jews on Pentecost: Acts 2:37
  - “pricked in their heart” – “to pierce thoroughly, i.e. (figuratively) to agitate violently (“sting to the quick”):--prick.”
- Jews in Steven's address: Acts 7:51-60
  - Railed on & stoned the messenger!
    - 1 Timothy 4:2 – “seared” = “to brand (“cauterize”), i.e. (by implication) to render insensitive (figuratively):--sear with a hot iron.” – Strong 2 Timothy 4:3-4; Ephesians 4:17-20

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## “Way of escape” # 3

- **Use Scripture as did Jesus!**

- Matthew 4:1-11
- Devil used the **3 points of temptation**
  - verses 1-4 – “**lust of the flesh**”
  - verses 5-7 – “**pride of life**”
  - verses 8-10 – “**lust of the eyes**”
- Answered the Devil with Scripture!
  - “**it is written**” – Matthew 4:1-11
    - verse 4 – Deuteronomy 8:3
    - verse 7 – Deuteronomy 6:16 (cf. 1 Corinthians 10:9)
    - verse 10 – Deuteronomy 6:13

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- **CAN YOU DO THAT?**
- “**the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**”
  - Ephesians 6:17
  - Hebrews 4:12
- **Must Study** – 2 Timothy 2:15-18; Hebrews 5:12-14; Ephesians 4:11-14
  - Necessary to properly use the Sword!

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## “Way of escape” # 4

- **Walk the strait & narrow way!**

- Matthew 7:13-14
- This is the unpopular way! cf. Galatians 1:10
  - God's people always in the minority!
- Don't follow a multitude to do evil!  
Exodus 23:2 “Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to turn aside after a multitude to wrest (justice)”

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Exodus 23:2
    - Noah didn’t – Genesis 6:8-9; 7:1
      - Hebrews 11:7; 2 Peter 2:5
    - Israelites did – Exodus 32:1-3; 1 Samuel 8
    - A multitude crucified Jesus - Matthew 27:24-26

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## “Way of escape” # 5

- **Choose Godly Companions!**
  - 1 Corinthians 15:33-34
- **To be Godly, surround yourself with Godly people!**
  - Remember the power of heaven!
    - 1 Corinthians 5:6; Galatians 5:9
  - Evil influences can rub-off on you!  
Deuteronomy 7:1-4; 17:17;  
cf. 2 Corinthians 6:14ff

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## “Way of escape” # 6

- **RUN!**
  - “Flee fornication!” - 1 Cor. 6:15-18
    - 1 Cor. 10:14; 1 Tim. 6:8-11; 2 Tim 2:22
  - Joseph Fleed!
    - Genesis 39:1-21
      - He got himself out of the house!
        - » Falsely accused!
        - » Was treated unkindly!
        - » Thrown into prison!
      - But - verse 21 – Lord showed him mercy!

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## 1 Corinthians 10:13

- “There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it.”

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## Summary

- **Some ways of escape...**
  - Follow the example of Christ!
  - Don’t violate your conscience!
  - Use scripture as Jesus did!
  - Take the straight and narrow route!
  - Seek Godly companions!
  - Run like Joseph did!

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## Question

- Will we use the “way of escape” provided to bare up against the temptations of this life?

• **We Must!**

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