

CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

“THAT’S NOT WHAT IT MEANS!”

“GOD WILL NOT PUT ANY MORE ON YOU THAN YOU CAN BEAR”

READ:1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13 TNIV

This Wednesday, we continue our Bible Study series “That’s Not What It Means!” with a lesson on one of most often quoted phrases to people who are going through painful loss, grief or mourning: *“God will not put any more on you than you can bear.”* After this lesson we should know what that phrase means and more importantly what it does NOT mean.

Pastor Rivers teaches that context is the most important way to understand scripture. Context is what happened before, during and after the text. Please read 1 Corinthians 10:11-13 and prepare to answer and discuss the following questions:

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11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.

12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to us all. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever heard the saying, “God will not put any more on you than you can bear”? What do you think it means?

2. Where in the Bible can you find “God will not put any more on you than you can bear”?

3. Although the phrase “God will not put any more on you than you can bear” is meant to encourage Christians as they go through grief, mourning and trials in life, how could these words have just the opposite effect?

4. If we are honest, most of us have had things happen to us that we could not bear alone. Where in the New Testament can you find examples of when Paul encountered things he could not bear?

5. Since the phrase “God will not put any more on you than you can bear” is not about bearing an impossible burden from God, what do you think it is about?

6. What is the major problem for Christians who believe the words of Jesus with the phrase, “God will not put any more on you than you can bear”?

7. Please read Ephesians 6:10-20 and tell us what is the “Sword of the Spirit” and how should we pray so we can bear the burdens that come our way?