



With Thanks [Your Name Here]

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It was a hard time!

- They were in a desert (harsh and barren)
- It was a time of waiting (and no one loves waiting)
- They were paying the price of unfaithfulness

It was an amazing and miraculous time!

- They had been set free from slavery in Egypt
- They had seen God part the Red Sea
- God was present in a pillar of cloud and fire
- God provided food and water in a desert
- Christ was there...in a very strange way

1 Corinthians 10:1-5

¹For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ²They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

Where do you focus when life is mingled with real pain and astounding goodness (Because this is life)?

Heavenly Examples and Warnings... pay attention!

1 Corinthians 10:6-10

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷ Do not be **idolaters**, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry." ⁸ We should not commit **sexual immorality**, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹ We should not **test Christ**, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰ And do not **grumble**, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

1. Don't turn your [heart to idols](#) when the real and [living God](#) is right there with you!

2. Don't be seduced by [immoral sexual temptation](#) when we are offered the joy and goodness of [God-honoring sexuality](#)!

3. Don't [test God](#) when He has proven himself [trustworthy](#) over and over again!

4. Don't be a [whiner and grumbler](#) when there is so much to be [thankful](#) for!

1 Corinthians 10:11

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.

The antidote to grumbling and whining is consistent and intentional thankfulness!

I will be thankful because ... **God is with me**

I will be thankful because... **God protects me**

I will be thankful because... **God provides in amazing ways**

I will be thankful because ... **God is better than stuff**

I will be thankful because ... **God has made us male and female and this is a glorious wonder**

I will be thankful because ... **God is trustworthy**

I will show my thankfulness by ... **Refusing to grumble and complain**

I will show my thankfulness by ... **Handling my concerns with grace and wisdom**

I will go to the right person, at the right time, with the right spirit, seeking a God-honoring result!

I will show my thankfulness by ... **Telling God I am thankful on a daily basis**

I will show my thankfulness by ... **Telling others about how good God has been!**

Where will you focus when life is mingled with real pain and astounding goodness (Because this is life)?