

Connection Group Bible Study 05/15/2019
Common Christian Sayings
“The Lord will not give you more than you can handle”

7:00 Open in Prayer

7:00-7:30 Talk/Fellowship/Ice Breaker

7:30-8:20

Announcements:

Connection Groups will be meeting for the month of May.

Men’s Breakfast is Saturday May 25th. (BBQ Tri-Tip & Chicken Thighs)

Memorial Day Fellowship is Sunday May 26th.

Night of Worship is Wednesday May 29th.

Tonight we will be continuing our study of common Christian sayings that are widely accepted but need to be examined in context to determine their legitimacy.

What saying did we discuss last week?

Can anyone talk about something from last week’s study that stuck with you?

Tonight we will be looking at the quote:

“The Lord will not give you more than you can handle”.

Have you heard someone say this before? Where is it from? Is it Biblical?

Regardless of if this is Biblical; do you think it is true? Why or why not?

There isn't Scripture in the Bible that would support this statement. People who may claim it is Biblical are basing it off of what is written in **1 Corinthians 10:13**. (Read the Scripture reference and discuss what it means.)

In this Scripture the phrase "who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able" is often thought to mean that God will not allow you to go through something that you are not able to endure. This is an inaccurate interpretation of this Scripture. The accurate interpretation is that God will not allow us to be enticed beyond what we are able to bear into doing something wrong. We will always have the choice to do right.

So the question remains...**does God allow us to go through things in life that we cannot handle?**

Have you ever been through something you felt was beyond what you were able to handle?

A better question might be...**if we can handle anything that comes our way, then why do we need God at all?**

Read and discuss each of the following Scriptures:

Isaiah 41:9-10

Proverbs 3:5-6

Matthew 6:25-34

Matthew 11:28-30

The truth is, God never said He wouldn't give you more than you can handle. God is not interested in how strong you are or how much you can bear before you break. According to these Scriptures (and many others) God is interested in us turning to His strength in times we feel weak. When we become aware that life will give us more than we can handle, we find a promise: God is faithful to meet us in the mess and in the pain. And when He does, we learn to recognize our constant need to depend on Him.

Take a moment as a group to discuss and reflect on that.

Close in prayer.