"History 101: Lessons from the Past"

Sunday, September 8, 2024, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
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1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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"Now these things took place as examples for us..."

1 Corinthians 10:6a (CSB)

- Spiritual <u>blessings</u> don't guarantee spiritual <u>success</u>. (v1-5)
- Harboring evil desires only leads to trouble. (v6-11)
- Don't take <u>pride</u> in <u>yourself</u>. (v12)
- No matter how <u>hard</u> it gets, <u>God's</u> got your <u>back</u>. (v13)

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THINK: Think about Paul's history lesson, and then ask yourself these questions: What one event in history would you like to have been at? Why? What one event in history are you glad to have avoided? Why? After reminding the Corinthians of the discipline needed to "run the race" and finish well (9:24-27), Paul cites this example of Israel's past (10:1-5). Why were these reminders necessary? To what spiritual

blessings is he pointing by the example of Israel? What point is Paul making by showing that these blessings failed to protect Israel from God's anger? How do the 4 examples from Israel's past relate to the Corinthian situation (v6-11)? What is the main principle of v12-13?

DO: What is a contemporary parallel of the way these examples and warnings apply to you? What temptations do you most consistently face? Does v13 encourage or frustrate you? How can you go forward this week in the strength God provides?