

# TAKEAWAY

## Real Life Church

### IF YOU THINK YOU'RE STRONG

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019

#### INTRODUCTION

Paul continues to talk to the church in Corinth about what it means to follow Jesus in their context. He reminds them of the challenges the Israelites faced as they followed God into the wilderness and drew some parallels that carry on even into today.

#### READ

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

#### DISCUSS

1. In verse 1, Paul refers to brothers and sisters sharing the same spiritual ancestors, regardless of their background. What does being part of the church family mean to you? How part of it do you feel? What would help you feel more part of it? How could you help others belong?

2. Verses 6-10 give various examples of the Israelites turning their back on God after He rescued them from Egypt. They'd seen God do astonishing things, but seemed to forget easily! When has God clearly showed up in your life? How do you

make sure you don't forget?

3. Paul outlines four main temptations. Idol worship, sexual immorality, testing God and grumbling. They can all be summed up in "not having God as the most important thing in your life." What things does God come second (or third or further) to in your life?

4. Verse 12 says, "If you think you are standing firm, be careful!" It's often when we feel we have it sussed that the unexpected happens and our faith put to the test. When have you experienced this? How can you guard against it?

5. Verse 13 is full of assurances and encouragement; God is faithful, we're not

alone in what we're going through and God will provide a way for us to endure. Which of those do you find the most encouraging?

6. We can so often feel alone in difficult situations – is there anything you need to share today with your church family?

#### PRAY

Take some time to pray for each other now.

