

Think It Over: This section is about turning what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take your own next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- What is your first response when you drive by a police officer while speeding? How long does it take for you to resume going too fast after a close call and almost getting a ticket? Why do we do that? When have you seen someone live too close to the line, taking risks because they are so overconfident in an area with more consequences than a speeding ticket? How long were they able to “play with fire” and not get burned? What was the impact of getting burned?
- Read 1 Corinthians 10:5–6 MSG. What is Paul getting at? How do we do the same kind of thing spiritually? Have you ever gotten your own way and lived to regret it? How about getting your own way with God?
- Review each of the Risky Behavior areas. How is each area affected by overconfidence? What was the result for the Israelites? How do each of these overconfidence areas allow Christians to play with fire? Why do you think we even go down any of these roads?
- Why do people ignore warnings? How did that tendency express itself in Florida this past week? What was the impact? In our own lives, there might be some figurative hurricanes forming on our horizon. How will you respond? What are some of the excuses we use not to heed warnings? What is at stake? Read 1 Corinthians 10:11-13. What is the Good News of these three verses? Read 1 Corinthians 10:21-22 MSG. What is the tie-in between Overconfidence and what is remembered with the Lord's Supper, Communion? How can the connection affect your Overconfidence?

Next Steps: How will you live in the tension of the bottom line: *Confidence in God renews, while overconfidence in self ruins?* Give some additional practical steps you can take to keep a healthy confidence in God without allowing it to migrate to an unhealthy overconfidence in self.

Changing Your Mind: Choose one of the verses listed in the Message Guide and commit it to heart.



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1 Corinthians 10:12 MSG

➤ Overconfidence expressed through risky behavior

⁵But just experiencing God's wonder and grace didn't seem to mean much—most of them were defeated by temptation during the hard times in the desert, and God was not pleased. ⁶The same thing could happen to us. We must be on guard so that we never get caught up in wanting our own way as they did.

1 Corinthians 10:5–6 MSG

What is your answer? Jesus or something else

Identify idols in your life: assess which things or people you rely on to do what only Jesus can do.

⁷Do 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."

1 Corinthians 10:5–6 MSG

³"Son of Man, these people have installed idols in their hearts. They have embraced the wickedness that will ruin them. Why should I even bother with their prayers?"

Ezekiel 14:3 MSG

²¹So, little children, guard yourselves from worshiping anything but him.

1 John 5:21 TPT

Sexual Expression Outside of God's Will

⁷...The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry."
1 Corinthians 10:7 NIV

⁸We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died.
1 Corinthians 10:8 NIV

⁴"Haven't you read the Scriptures about creation?" Jesus replied. "The Creator made us male and female from the very beginning"... ⁵...For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and live with his wife. And the two will become one flesh.' ⁶From then on, they are no longer two, but united as one. So what God unites let no one divide!
Matthew 19:4–6 TPT

Trying God's Patience

⁹We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes.
1 Corinthians 10:10 NIV

⁵They spoke out against God and Moses: "Why did you drag us out of Egypt to die in this godforsaken country? No decent food; no water—we can't stomach this stuff any longer."
Numbers 21:5 MSG

⁴...So what got into you to pull a trick like this? You didn't lie to men but to God."⁵Ananias, when he heard those words, fell down dead. That put the fear of God into everyone who heard of it.
Acts 5:3–5 MSG

Never Satisfied

¹⁰And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.
1 Corinthians 10:10 NIV

Numbers 16:32–35 NIV

¹¹...I have learned to be satisfied with what I have and with whatever happens. ¹²...I have learned the secret of how to live through any kind of situation—when I have enough to eat or when I am hungry, when I have everything I need or when I have nothing. ¹³Christ is the one who gives me the strength I need to do whatever I must do.
Philippians 4:11-13 ERV

➔ Overconfidence corrected by perceiving an ancient warning

¹¹These are all warning markers—danger!—in our history books, written down so that we don't repeat their mistakes. Our positions in the story are parallel—they at the beginning, we at the end—and we are just as capable of messing it up as they were. ¹²Don't be so naive and self-confident. You're not exempt. You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else. Forget about self-confidence; it's useless. Cultivate God-confidence.
1 Corinthians 10:11–12 MSG

¹³The only temptations that you have are the same temptations that all people have. But you can trust God. He will not let you be tempted more than you can bear. But when you are tempted, God will also give you a way to escape that temptation. Then you will be able to endure it.
1 Corinthians 10:13 ERV

²¹And you can't have it both ways, banqueting with the Master one day and slumming with demons the next. ²²Besides, the Master won't put up with it. He wants us—all or nothing. Do you think you can get off with anything less?

1 Corinthians 10:21–22 MSG

Bottom Line:

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while overconfidence in self ruins.

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