

**THE GOSPEL
AND
DEALING WITH TEMPTATION
1 COR 10:1-22**

THE GOSPEL IN AN IDOLATROUS CULTURE



1 Cor 8 :1 Now
concerning
food offered to
idols:

Chapter 8
Loving knowledge
Don't stumble weaker

Chapter 9
True Liberty
Sacrificing rights for sake of
gospel

Chapter 10
Dealing with temptation



FINISHING WELL

1 Cor 9:24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? **Run in such a way as to get the prize.**



(8 Corinthians 8)

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ISRAEL EXPERIENCED GOD

1 Cor 10:1 For 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. 2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 3 They all ate the same spiritual food 4 and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

that our ancestors were all under the cloud

The LORD went before them.
(Exodus 13:21) NKJV #Faith2day

they all passed through the sea



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWSBPRFd1UU>

ate the same spiritual food 4 and drank the same spiritual drink



<https://www.crosswayfellowship.org/kids-resources/u5-lesson1>

<https://migalito.com/2021/11/22/exodus-17-part-1-water-from-a-rock/>

EVEN ISRAELITES SUCCUMBED TO TEMPTATION

- 1 Cor 10: 1-5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.
- 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.

Golden calf

Moabite women

No water and
bread

Afraid to
enter Canaan

BE CAREFUL WE DON'T FALL

1 Cor 10:11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. 12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!



THE GOSPEL AND DEALING WITH TEMPTATION

1 COR 10:1-22

1. Everyone is vulnerable to temptation

THEREFORE DO NOT VISIT TEMPLES

1 Cor 10: 14 Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. 15 I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. 16 Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a **participation** in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a **participation** in the body of Christ? 17 Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body

Is it worth it to have participation with demons?

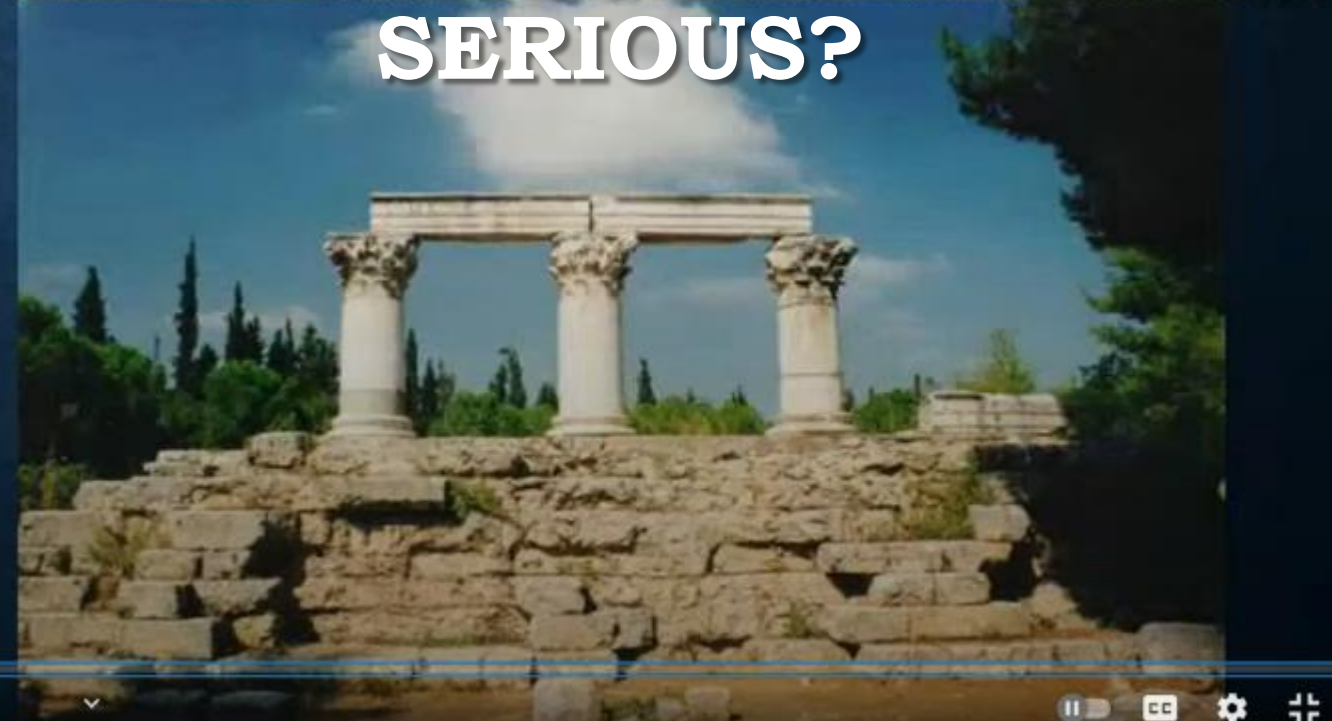
18 Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices **participate** in the altar? 19 Do I mean then that food sacrificed to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20 No, but **the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons**, not to God, and I do not want you to be **participants with demons**. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; **you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons**. 22 Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

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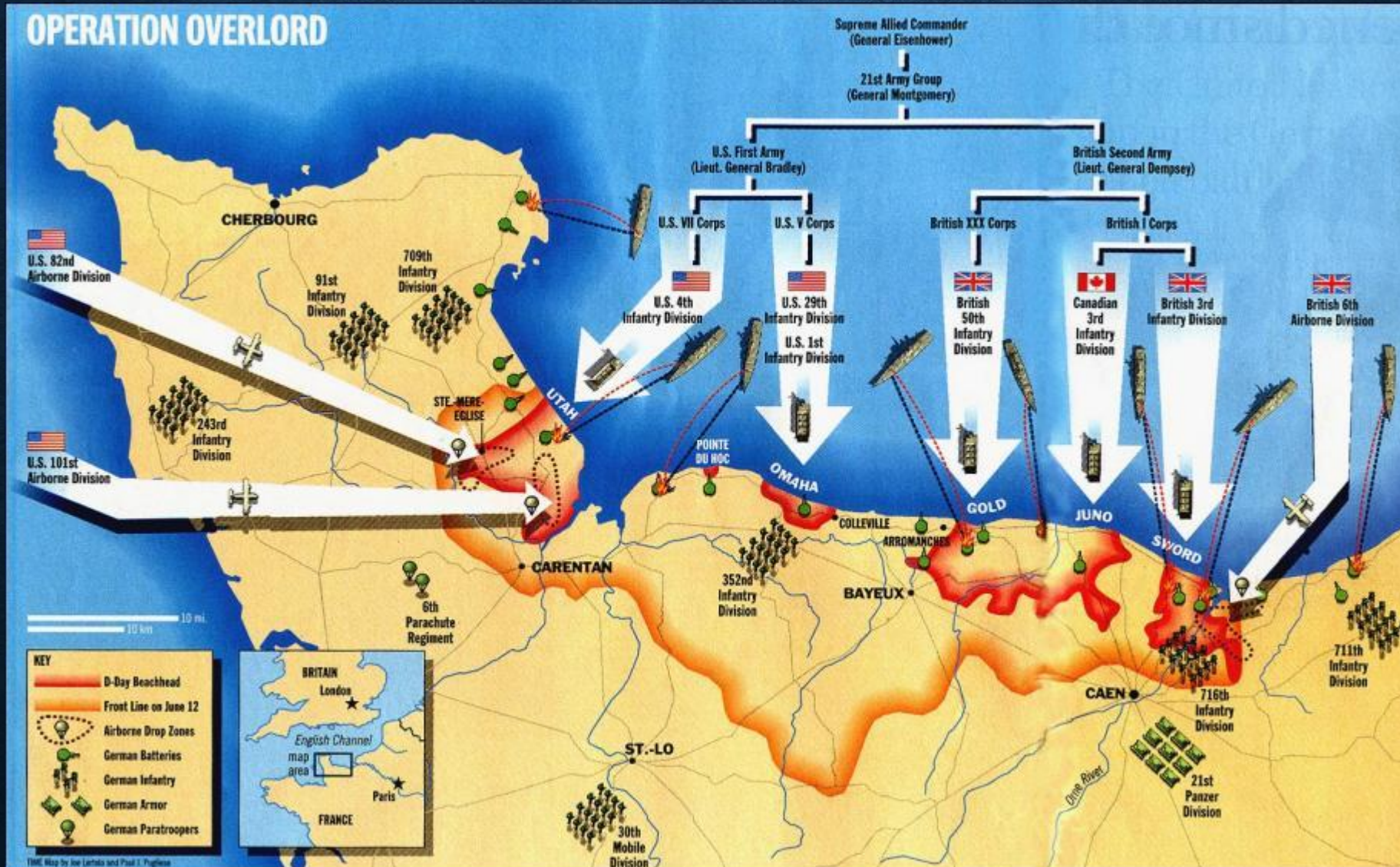
cks? (1 Corinthians 8)



**WHY IS THIS SO
SERIOUS?**



BEACHHEAD STRATEGY



BEACHHEAD MARKET STRATEGY



TEMPTATION IS ALWAYS A BEACHHEAD

- Exodus 32:6 So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed

burn
pres

offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in **revelry**.



KING DAVID COMMITTING ADULTERY AND MURDER

2 Sam 8:6 ...The LORD gave David victory
wherever he went.

2 Sam 11:1 In the spring, at the time when
kings go off to war, David sent Joab

v1 David remained in Jerusalem.

v2 saw a woman bathing

v3 inquires about her

v4 sends messengers to get her

v4 slept with her

v5 Bathsheba pregnant

v8 sends Uriah home

v13 got Uriah drunk

v15 sends Uriah to the fiercest battle and
withdraws support

v17 kills Uriah through battle

v27 took Bathsheba as wife



POTENTIAL BEACHHEADS

Drunkenness

Pornography

Family deterioration

Covetousness

Drinking with
friends who
party hard

Watching
movies while
skipping nude
scenes

Working until
10pm everyday

Day trade
bitcoin, shares
and currency

Friend's approval

Entertainment

Approval of
others

Material comfort

Is it worthwhile to participate with idolatry?

EVERYTHING CAN BE A TRIAL OR TEMPTATION

1 Cor 10:13 No **temptation** has overtaken you except what is common to mankind.

Peirasmos – test

Anything that can lure you away from God

Do we trust in God's goodness

Israel's temptations:

Golden calf

Moabite women

No water and bread

Afraid of battle with Canaan



WE HAVE ALL FAILED BEFORE

Drinking with
friends who
party hard

Watching
movies while
skipping nude
scenes

Working until
10pm everyday

Day trade
bitcoin, shares
and currency

Sickness

Loss of loved
ones

JESUS WAS TEMPTED

He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”



JESUS UNDERSTANDS TEMPTATIONS

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

THE GOSPEL AND DEALING WITH TEMPTATION

1 COR 10:1-22

1. Everyone is vulnerable to temptation
2. Temptation is a beachhead for idolatry
3. Flee from idolatry. Flee to God

FLEE FROM IDOLATRY

1 Cor 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also **provide a way out** so that you **can endure it**.

14 Therefore, my dear friends, **flee from idolatry**.

What is the way of escape?

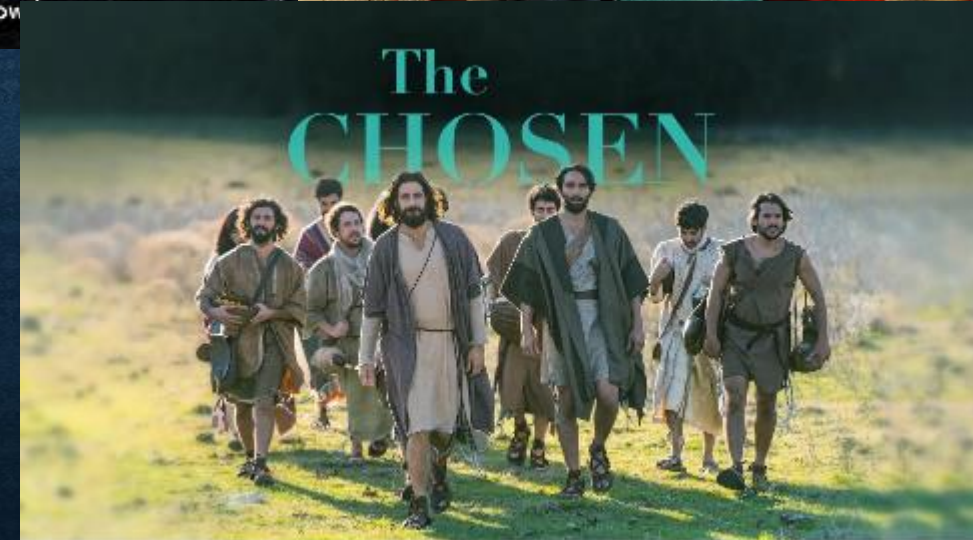
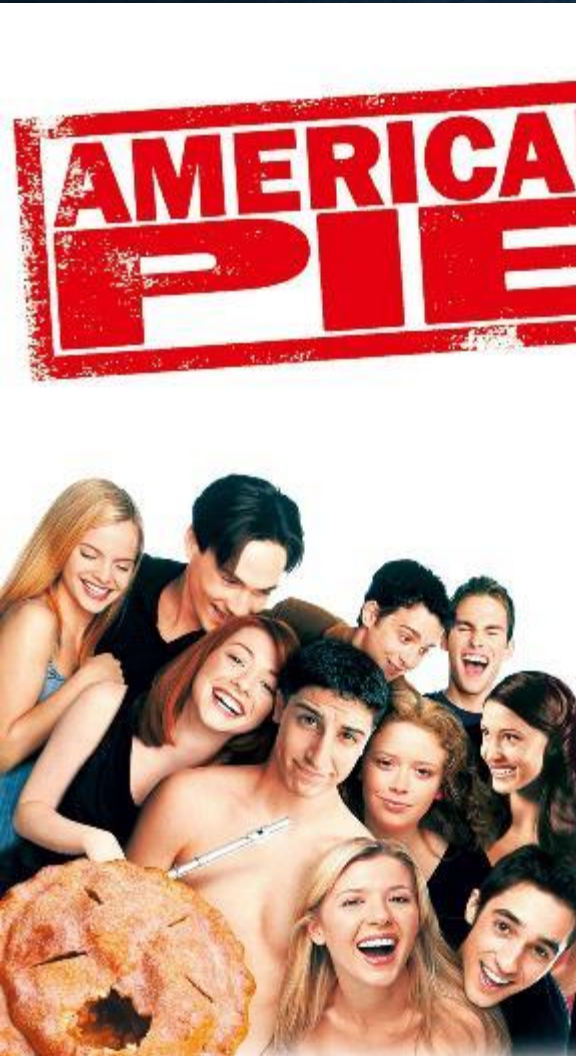
JOSEPH FLEES FROM POTIPHAR'S WIFE



9 No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. **How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"** 10 And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he **refused** to go to bed with her or **even be with her.** 12 She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and **ran out of the**

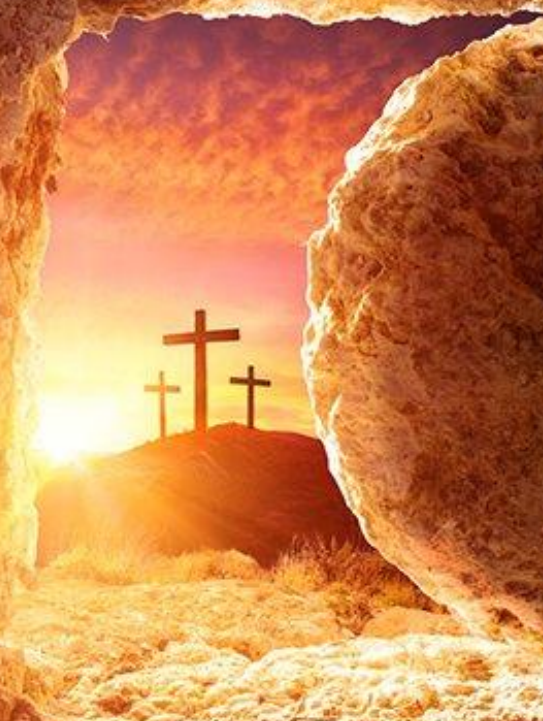
Remember God and flee to Him

FLY FROM IDOLATRY



FLY TO HIM

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



FLY TO HIS WORD - MATTHEW 4

1. Turn stones to become bread.

‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’

2. Throw yourself down if you are the son of God

‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

3. All the kingdoms of the world

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

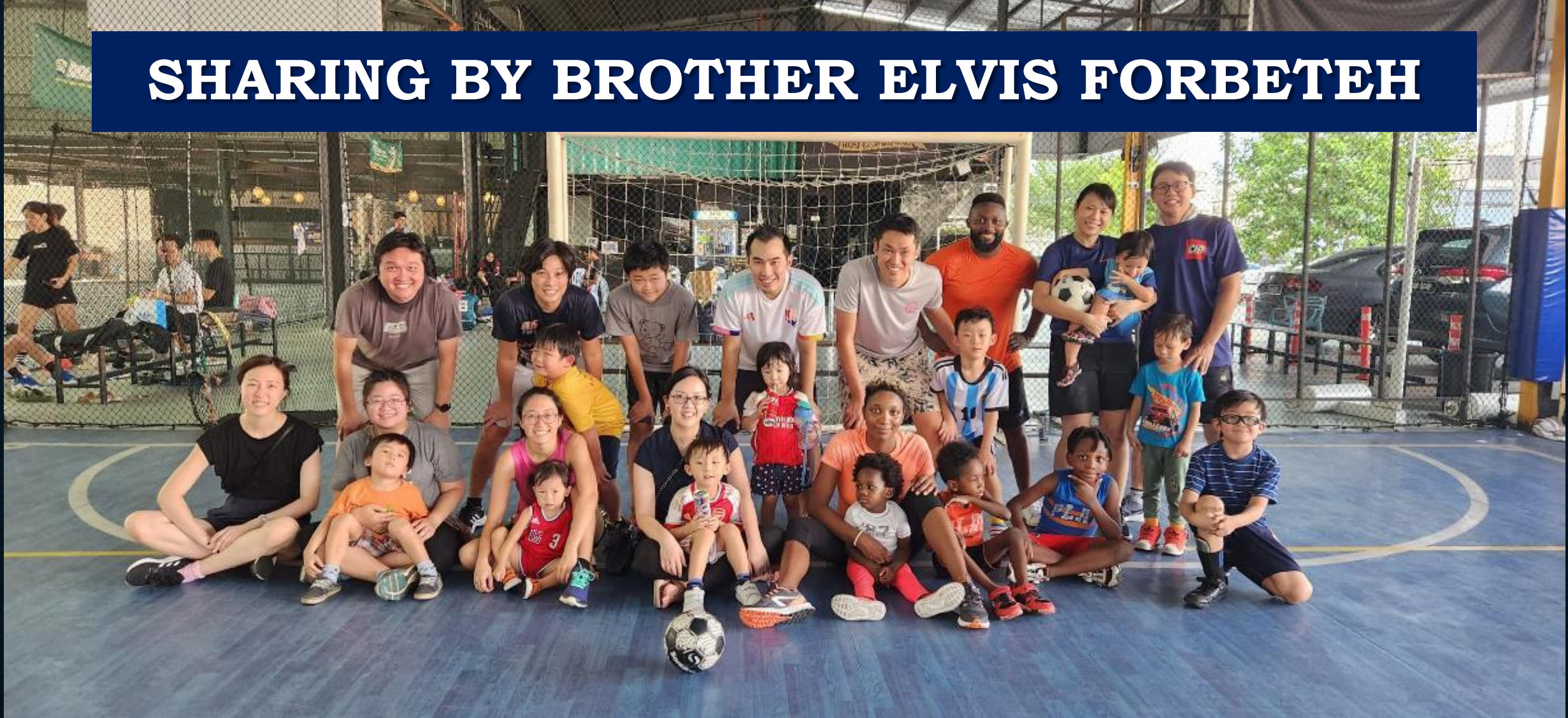


FLEE TO HIS BODY



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SHARING BY BROTHER ELVIS FORBETEH





He came to this world and became a man in order to spread to other men the kind of Life He has - by what I call 'good infection'. Every Christian is to become a little Christ. The whole purpose of becoming a Christian is simply nothing else.

— C. S. Lewis —

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GOOD INFECTION

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**WHY WOULD WE WANT TO ASSOCIATE WITH IDOLATRY
WHEN GOD IS SO GOOD?**

I SPEAK JESUS

I just wanna speak the name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your
presence
I speak Jesus

I just wanna speak the name of Jesus
'Til every dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is
freedom
I speak Jesus

'Cause Your name is power
Your name is healing
Your name is life
Break every stronghold
Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

Shout Jesus from the mountains
Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy
Jesus for my family
I speak the holy name
Jesus, oh

Benediction

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

As you go forth, may His love, grace, and peace surround you and shine through you in all you do as you live for Him. Amen.