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## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE:

# Avoiding Snakes and Snares: Learning from Failing

1 Corinthians 10:9-11;  
Numbers 11:1-9, 21:8-9; John 3:14-15 (NIV)

### 1 Corinthians 10:9-11

We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. <sup>10</sup> And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.

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1 Corinthians 10:9-11;  
Numbers 11:1-9, 21:8-9; John 3:14-15 (NIV)- cont.

### Don't Turn Your Mouth Against God

#### Numbers 11:1-9

<sup>11</sup> Now the people complained about their hardships in the hearing of the LORD, and when he heard them his anger was aroused. Then fire from the LORD burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp. <sup>2</sup> When the people cried out to Moses, he prayed to the LORD and the fire died down. <sup>3</sup> So that place was called Taberah, because fire from the LORD had burned among them.

<sup>4</sup> The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup> We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. <sup>6</sup> But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!"

<sup>7</sup> The manna was like coriander seed and looked like resin. <sup>8</sup> The people went around gathering it, and then ground it in a hand mill or crushed it in a mortar. They cooked it in a pot or made it into loaves. And it tasted like something made with olive oil. <sup>9</sup> When the dew settled on the camp at night, the manna also came down.

### Don't Turn Your Ears to the Wrong people

#### Don't Turn the Eyes of our Heart away from God

#### Numbers 21:8-9

The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

#### John 3:14-15

Jesus says, "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."