

HALF TRUTHS

God Will Never Give You More Than You Can Handle

WARM UP

What's your limit? How far can you drive before you have to stop? How long can you listen before you get distracted? How high can you jump?

SET IT UP

A half-truth can be dangerous because it has enough truth to make it sound believable and enough error to mess up your life if you really buy into it. You've heard it said, "God Will Never Give You More Than You Can Handle." But is it true?

CHAT IT UP

1. **The half-truth, "God will never give you more than you can handle" is a popular one. Have you ever found yourself saying it? Has anyone said it to you?**
2. **Read 2 Corinthians 1:8. Paul and his companions traveled all around the Mediterranean rim planting churches and facing many hardships. Summarize Paul's confession from this passage.**
3. **Read 2 Corinthians 1:9. According to Paul, why were they suffering?** (Answer: So they would rely on God.)
4. **What good things can come out of suffering?** (Some Answers: Forms character, pushes us toward God, refocuses our attention.)
5. **Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. What other benefit is there to suffering?** (Answer: Able to comfort others like God has comforted us.)
6. **Think about a difficult time in your life. Has any good come out of it yet? If so, what?**
7. **How would you rewrite this half-truth so it is 100% true?** (Possible Answer: God will help you handle whatever you've been given and so will I.)

WRAP IT UP

God promises to provide a way out of sin, but He doesn't promise the same for suffering. The next time you're tempted look for a way out! The next time you face a trial, look for God. He promises to be right there with you.

LEADER TIPS

- Our discussions are designed to apply the Bible to life. Spend as much time as you need unpacking the passage and then explore how your group members can act on the words of Jesus.