



Message Outline

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John 16:12-13; 33; 1 Cor. 10:13

“God Won’t Give You More Than You Can Handle”

SERIES: *And other Stuff Jesus Never Said*

WHAT THIS POPULAR ADVICE SAYS	WHAT JESUS ACTUALLY SAID
God knows what you can <i>bear</i> _____	God knows what you can <i>bear</i> _____ John 16:12
God gauges <i>your</i> _____ strength	God gives you <i>His</i> _____ strength John 16:13a
<i>God</i> _____ sends you trials and temptations <i>accordingly</i> _____	<i>This world</i> _____ sends you trials and temptations <i>arbitrarily</i> _____ John 16:33a
So buck up! It’s up to you to <i>handle them</i> _____	But take heart! God invites you to <i>hand them over</i> _____ John 16:33b



HomeGroup Questions

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1. Has anyone ever advised you with the phrase, “*God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle/Bear*”? Was it helpful or not? Before this message, what was your take on the expression?
2. Read John 16:12-33 and 1 Cor. 10:13 and review the outline. What challenged you and/or comforted you? Why?
3. What about the way this expression (“*God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle*”) is not helpful advice to someone going through troubles? See the first column in your outline.
4. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. If this does not mean, “*God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle,*” what does it mean? Rephrase it in your own words.
5. In John 16:33 Jesus says He is telling the disciples what He does so they might have peace. Yet, in the next sentence, He says they will have trouble. Can you have both at the same time? Have you experienced this?
6. While some trouble we clearly bring on ourselves, Doug said that much of the trouble we experience is because we live in a broken world that brings it arbitrarily. What might be an example of this?
7. Instead of having to handle troubles ourselves, Jesus invites us to hand them over to Him (see the last part of vs. 33). But this is easier said than done. How do we put this into practice?
8. Take the common phrase, “*God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle,*” and rewrite it so that it is consistent with Jesus' teaching in this passage.
9. How can your group pray for you?