The Imperishable Wreath

1 Corinthians 10

1Co 10:1-5 ESV For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

What is the FOR there for? "FOR I do not want you to be unaware"

1 Corinthians 9:24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Disqualified

Tit 1:15-16 ESV To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. 16 They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

Disqualified

2Ti 3:8 ESV Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and <u>disqualified</u> regarding the faith.

Disqualified

2Co 13:5 ESV Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you fail to meet the test! [KJV reprobate]

They happened as an example for us

They were written for our instruction

1) Don't become selfconfident in your ability to stand

2) Every temptation you face is common to man

- 3) God is faithful
- He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability
- He will provide a way of escape
- You will be able to endure it

Flee idolatry - see the "freedoms" you partake in for what they are - and do not provoke the LORD to iealousy

Are the freedoms I partake of "helpful"? Do they build up? - I am to pursue an imperishable wreath, but I am also to lead others there