

# Summer '17 – Unforgettable

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1 Cor.10:13(NASB)~ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

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Ninety-Eight days right in the middle of the year has the attitude of escape like no other time of the year.

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Summer is the escape from their boring routine.

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“Get up, get ready, go to school; get up, get ready, go to school!”

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“Get up, get ready, go to school; get up, get ready, go to school!”

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“Please get up, get ready and go to school; please get up, get ready and go to school.”

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“Tomorrow you don’t have to get up, get ready and go to school; but today get up, get ready and go to school!”

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Get up, get ready, go to school; get up, get ready, go to school!”

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“Jump up, are you ready, we’re going to the pool!”

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Summer is the season of escape

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“Get up, get ready, go to work!”

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In the past decade, a new term has emerged-it’s called “staycation”.

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A staycation is a vacation in which you go nowhere. You simply escape what you routinely do daily.

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Mark 6:30-32(NASB)- <sup>30</sup>The apostles \*gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>And He \*said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while.” (For there were many people coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.) <sup>32</sup>They went away in the boat to a secluded place by themselves.

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This summer 2017-I want to encourage each of us to take a divine vacation; a God guided escape; a Spirit led break from things that have stolen our joy, stolen our excitement of life and our hope for tomorrow.

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I got away but I didn’t escape! I packed for vacation, but I never unpacked the baggage that I had accumulated over the years.

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1 Cor. 10:13(NLT)- The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

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This Summer of 2017 can become the summer of a lifetime for you. These next 98 days can be the season you escape that burden, that temptation, that habit, that painful memory, that awful shame or that pattern of behavior that has robbed you of God's best!

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1). You are not alone in your pain:

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One of the most effective schemes of Satan is trying to convince us that our trial, our temptation, our pain, our hurt, our failure is unlike anything that anyone else has gone through.

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- No one has been through what you have been through.
- You have been hurt more than anyone else
- You have been done wrong more than anyone else

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- Your failure is worse than anyone else
- Your loneliness is more severe than anyone else
- Your habit is more addictive than anyone else
- Your burden is heavier than anyone's burden.

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1 Cor. 10:13(NLT)- The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience

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Others know your pain and others have experienced your shame; they got through it and so will you!

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James 5:16(NLT)- Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

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2). Satan's plan of destruction toward us, will never supersede God's plan of deliverance for us.

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1 Cor. 10:13(NLT)- And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand.

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The word "Faithful" means "reliable, trustworthy."

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It is at this point that the route of escape is accepted or neglected.

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Deut. 7:9(NKJV)- "Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

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There usually comes a moment in all our lives that we find ourselves in a crisis that seems overwhelming. We encounter a test, an attack or temptation, which are the results of our actions or the actions of others. That crisis screams that our life is destroyed and there is no help available. It is at this point that the route of escape is accepted or neglected.

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Deut. 7:9(NKJV)~ “Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations

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If today you find yourself in a dungeon of hopelessness brought on by the actions of others, and there seems to be no way out- God is faithful to keep His covenant with you.

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Psalm 91:14- 15(NIV)~ Because he<sup>l</sup> loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. <sup>15</sup> He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him

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If today you find yourself drowning in an ocean of shame and regret because of your personal failures. You have listened over and over to those tormenting thoughts that your future is gone and there are no more chances for you- God is even faithful to keep mercy toward you.

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Deut. 7:9(NKJV)~ “Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations

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Psalm 103:17(NKJV)- But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children

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The word "mercy" means sympathetic and compassionate toward the misery of others.

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Lamentations 3:22-23(NKJV)- Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. <sup>23</sup> They are new every morning;  
Great is Your faithfulness

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Micah 7:18(NKJV)- Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy

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The word "delight" is so wonderful. It literally means "to bend toward, give full inclination to with affection and in so doing it brings the giver pleasure."

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When we have failed and are drowning in our shame. When others shy away from us because of embarrassment; God bends toward us with affection and it gives him immense pleasure.

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Satan's plan of destruction toward us will never supersede God's plan of deliverance for us!

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3). The way of escape is never to run away from, but to walk victoriously through.

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