

PITFALLS ON THE WAY TO CANAAN

- 1 Cor 10:1-10
- There are four pitfalls that are mentioned
- One of them is grumbling/ murmuring
- Paul is warning the body of Christ of similar pitfalls and warns to be on guard

PITFALLS

IDOLATRY

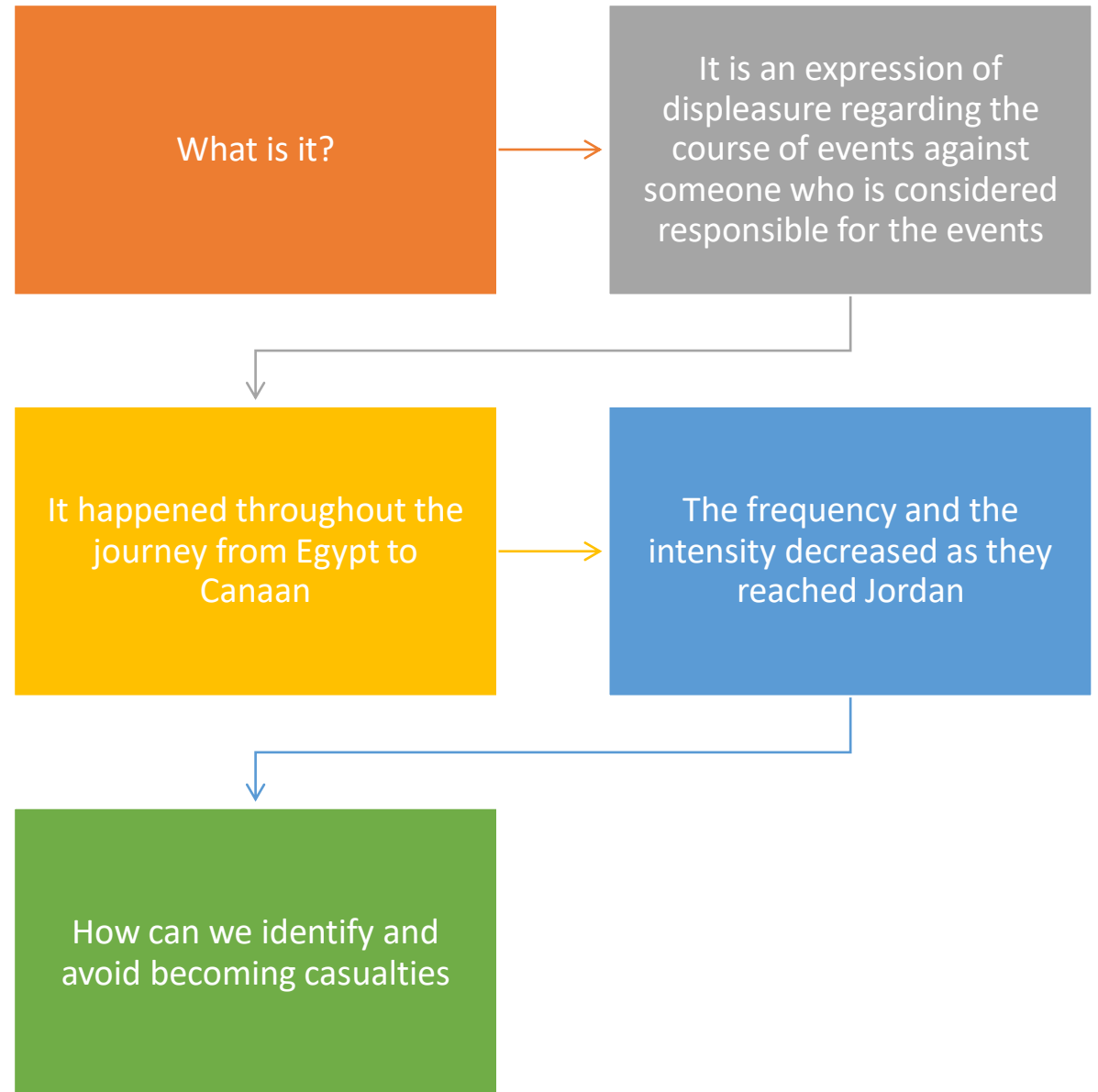
ADULTERY

PITFALLS

Testing the Lord

Murmuring

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How is murmuring a problem?

- I Cor 10
- Murmuring is one of the problems that caused the Israelites to lose what they were promised/ what they deserved
- Murmuring was an external manifestation of an internal problem
- Murmuring is opposite to praise
- Murmuring is a manifestation of doubting God of His character and power
- Going to God with a burden is not murmuring but surrendering

Murmuring

instances

Ex 5:21 Questioned the idea when the starting was difficult

Ex:14:11&12- Red sea- grumbled about a decent burial

Ex:15:24 Bitterness of the water

Ex 16:2-3 Hunger

Ex 17:2 Water again

Numbers 11: Missing the luxury of Egypt in food

Numbers 12: Aaron and Miriam against Moses

Num 14:1-3 Believing in the odds

Murmuring instances

Numbers 16:1-3 & 41 :
Rebellion against the appointed

Numbers 20:3-12 Water and
Moses missing his position

Numbers 21:4-5 Delay in the
progress



Murmuring explored

- Moses did not complain about the hardships
- Those who murmured preferred to stay in Egypt than journey with the Lord God and His plan
- Day to day needs affected them more than eternity
- Comfort and luxury mattered more than purpose and destiny
- When they murmured against the appointed and the anointed they were murmuring against the Lord God
- Murmuring cost their destiny

Murmuring

- It is manifestation of a discontent ,ungrateful, unbelieving heart
 - It is infectious /Influential during difficult times
 - It is dangerous
- When it is against the plans and purposes of God
- It delays the progress/distracts the leadership/
Destroys the person



SOME PEOPLE WHO REFUSED TO GRUMBLE

- Noah
- Abraham
- Joseph
- David
- Daniel
- Job
- Elijah
- Joseph and Mary





RELEVANCE OF MURMURING TODAY

- The world ignores the murmurs of the powerless and the weak and acts on the wishes of the powerful and the rich
- The political powers will act to impress the majority and react to the murmuring of the masses
- The body of Christ neither cannot be distracted nor cannot ignore the murmur
- If there is a murmur there is a problem
- Murmur should not be secretive issue



Murmur in the early church

- Acts 6:1~6
- It was given due recognition
- The priorities were maintained
- Responsibility was shared
- They were handled by the best of the leaders

Handling a murmur

Murmur should not be ignored or dismissed

It should not become the priority

It should be handled by matured men and women

Going to the Lord God was Moses's method of handling

CONCLUSION

- Grumbling or murmuring while facing difficulties is out of character for the people of God
- Do not murmur or encourage a murmur
- Murmuring against the servants of God is considered as murmuring against their master
- If we are serving the Lord let us not be distracted from the Lord by the murmur
- On the other hand let us not ignore a murmur but deal with it in the Lord

