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A STUDY OF 1ST CORINTHIANS

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lest he fall.

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God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted
beyond your ability,
but with the temptation He will also provide the way of
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Run! Because this is a chase, not a race

“It does not matter how small the sins are provided that their cumulative effect is to edge the man away from the Light and out into the Nothing. Murder is no better than cards if cards can do the trick. Indeed the safest road to Hell is the gradual one-- the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.”

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**What idols are contaminating your
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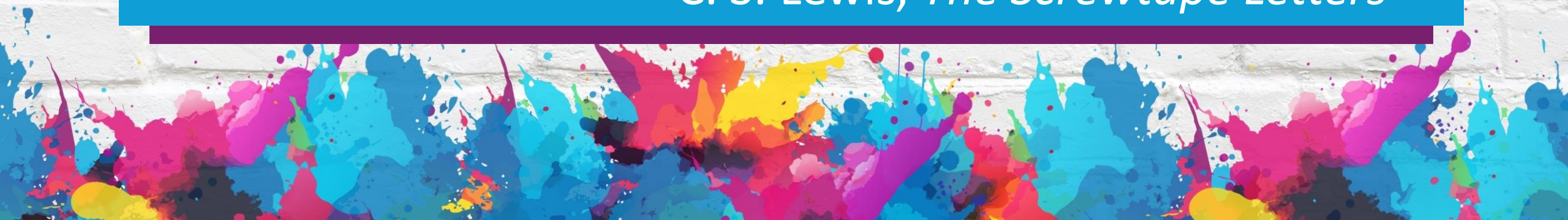
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