

# Exodus

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EXODUS: Who Are You Trusting & Who Are You Praying for?

## **EXODUS 32:9-14**

**9 "I have seen these people," the Lord said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. 10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation." 11 But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. "Lord," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. 13 Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'"** 14 Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

- **When life is stressful, understanding God can be messy**
- **Does God change His mind?**
  - **God does not change His mind**
  - **God determines the paths of obedience or disobedience to us**
  - **God's responses to our faith/faithlessness have been pre-determined, but include our choices**
- **God relents - not sorrow for being wrong; response based on His plan**

- **Why is God so angry?**
  - **God's wrath burns against sin and sinners**
  - **Be fearful of this if you are without Christ**
  - **Be thankful for this because it means God will make everything right in the end**

- **We could read this wrongly conclude that Moses is the hero of the story**
- **Theme: Jesus is King and worthy of our daily worship**
- **Moses points us to Jesus:**
  - **Intercedes in prayer**
  - **Insures God's covenant with us is fulfilled**
  - **Weeps over sin and the pain it causes**
  - **Stands between sinners and God's wrath**
  - **Dies to take away sin**
- **Jesus is the hero because He does it all completely!**
- **Who are you desperately interceding for?**

## **EXODUS 32:22-25**

**22 "Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. 23 They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.' 24 So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!" 25 Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies.**

- **Are you leading?**
  - **Lead with confidence that work done for Christ always bears fruit**
  - **Know that God is at work in your work**
  - **Faithfully water and plant**
  - **Allow God to be your defense**
  - **Confess, repent, LEAD**
  - **Take your hope off of people and put it in God**
  - **Pray for those you lead (and those who lead you)**

## **EXODUS 32:33-35**

**33 The Lord replied to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book. 34 Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you. However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin." 35 And the Lord struck the people with a plague because of what they did with the calf Aaron had made.**

- **What happens when we put our ultimate trust in something/someone beside God?**
  - **Broken covenant**
  - **Broken relationship with others**
  - **Death**
  - **Damages our witness**
  - **Idols get in our hearts**
- **What golden calf are you asking someone to make for you?**

- **God is inviting you to pray**
- **What sinners is God putting in your life so you can pray for them?**
- **Will you care enough to cry out and intercede (Your "One"/Front Row)?**
- **What if God isn't going to act for them unless you intercede?**

- **Being God's people is a daily exercise of trust**
- **God takes it seriously when we trust something/  
someone else - do you?**
- **Where are you trusting something else?**
- **What guilty sinner needs your prayers?**
- **When life threatens you - trust Jesus today!**
- **When your loved one is threatened by sin and God's  
wrath - pray and trust in Jesus for them!**