

1 READ EXODUS 24:12-18

THINK ABOUT TIMES WHEN YOU HAVE FELT CLOSE TO GOD. TIMES WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU'D BE ABLE TO CHANGE THE WORLD, OR YOUR LIFE, ETC

SPEND A FEW MINUTES EACH OTHER ABOUT THOSE SPECIAL TIMES

WHERE WERE THEY (EG NEW WINE, WEEKEND AWAY) AND WHAT DID YOU FEEL/THINK?

WRITE DOWN SOME OF THE THINGS IN THE SPACE BELOW

NO MORE THAN 10 MINS



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ACCORDING TO AARON THIS CALF WAS STILL GOD, THE ONE WHO PARTED THE RED SEA. HE WAS NOT SETTING UP IDOL WORSHIP OF A FALSE GOD, JUST TRYING TO HELP THE PEOPLE FOCUS ON GOD. AND THEY WERE NEARLY ALL DESTROYED BECAUSE OF IT.

HOW DO WE MAKE SURE WE DO NOT LET RELIGION GET IN THE WAY OF TRUE WORSHIP TODAY?

ABOUT 25 MINUTES

2 IMAGINE YOU ARE MOSES

HOW MIGHT MOSES HAVE BEEN THINKING WHEN HE WAS ON THE MOUNTAIN TOP?

THEY HAD ALREADY SEEN THE PLAGUES IN EGYPT, THE PARTING OF THE RED SEA AND NOW GOD IS REVEALING HIMSELF PERSONALLY. WHAT MIGHT HE HAVE BEEN THINKING THE FUTURE WOULD BE LIKE FOR THE ISRAELITES NOW?

WHAT WOULD YOU BE GETTING READY TO TELL THE PEOPLE AS YOU CAME DOWN THE MOUNTAIN? (WRITE ANSWERS IN SPACE BELOW)

READ EXODUS 32:1-21

GUTTED OR WHAT?

THESE PEOPLE HAD SEEN GOD DELIVER THEM FROM EGYPT WITH THE PLAGUES AND THE RED SEA CROSSING, AND NOW THEY DO THIS! YOU TAKE AARON ASIDE TO "HAVE WORDS". WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO SAY (STILL IMAGINING YOU ARE MOSES ON THAT DAY)?

BUT WHAT DID MOSES DO? READ ON IN CHAPTER 32 FROM 22-35

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SO, WHAT ABOUT US TODAY?

MOSES WAS LET DOWN, AND THE PEOPLE WERE GOING AGAINST GOD AND AWAY FROM HIM. YET INSTEAD OF RUSHING TO CONDEMN, HE PRAYED THAT GOD WOULD FORGIVE THEM. WHAT DOES THIS STORY TEACH US ABOUT HOW TO COPE WHEN YOU ARE ON A HIGH AND THEN GET HOME AND HAVE ALL YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS DASHED?

PEOPLE WHO LET US DOWN

DO WE PREFER TO BAD MOUTH THEM, TO TELL OTHERS HOW HORRIBLE THEY HAVE BEEN? OR DO WE PRAY FOR GOD TO BLESS THEM, NOT CURSE THEM? HOW DO WE FORGIVE THEM, AND HOW DO WE PRAY FOR THEM?

CHRISTIANS WHO SEEM TO BE GOING AGAINST GOD

DO WE IGNORE THEM, OR DO WE TRY TO POINT THEM BACK TO HIM? HOW CAN WE BE SURE WHAT GOD WANTS THESE DAYS ANYWAY?

TRUE WORSHIP

ARE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ESSENTIAL OR NECESSARY IN WORSHIP? ARE ANY OF THEM WRONG (IN THE WAY THAT THE GOLDEN CALF WAS WRONG)?

SINGING CHURCH BUILDING INCENSE RAISING HANDS

ICONS AND STATUES REPETITIOUS PRAYERS COFFEE

SPEAKING IN TONGUES DRESSING UP (BEST CLOTHES ETC) READING THE BIBLE

WHAT ARE THE ESSENTIALS FOR TRUE WORSHIP TODAY?

EXCUSE OF THE DAY

"THEY GAVE ME THE GOLD, I THREW IT INTO THE FIRE, AND OUT CAME THIS CALF!"