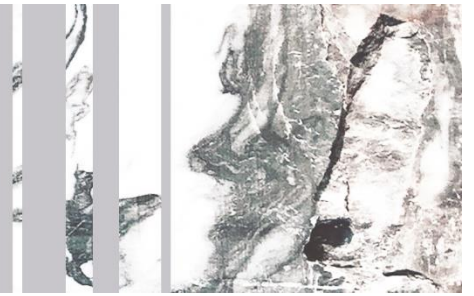


EXODUS

GOD IS VINDICATED

Exodus 32:1-35



CATCH-UP

Describe a (funny) time as a child when you felt like you received a fair punishment from a parents, teacher, or other authority figure for something you did wrong.

READING/DISCUSSION

Read **Exodus 32:1-35**.

- How did this sermon/text deepen your faith? How did it challenge you? Explain.
- What did this passage teach you about God? What did it teach you about yourself? How does this passage impact how you view God, yourself, or others?
- Which day from the daily work resonated with you most? Why? Which day challenged you most? Why?
- What new thoughts or feelings do you have about God's judgment?
- Dan said that unfaithful worship has unintended and unwanted consequences. Describe a time in your life when you saw that happen personally.
- Moses shattered the ten commandments in front of the people as a symbolic act, showing them visually the seriousness of their sin. Dan also told the story of Tim and Kathy Keller, with the shattering of their wedding china. What makes symbolic acts so powerful? Have you ever seen something like this in your own experience?
- The people had to drink the idol they made, they had to absorb the sin they committed. Why do you think that happened? What relevance does that have for us today?
- When confronted by Moses, Aaron refused to take ownership for his role in the idolatry. He blamed others and said it, "just kind of happened." Why is it so hard to accept full ownership for our mistakes? Are there any mistakes you need to take complete ownership of?
- There was the death of 3,000 people when the law was given (Exodus 32), and there was the salvation of 3,000 when the Spirit was given (Acts 2). Describe the difference from death to life Jesus has made for you.

ENCOURAGEMENT

- What do you sense God doing in you that you need to respond to?
- What do you sense God doing around you that you think he is inviting you into?
- What do you sense God doing through you that you need courage for?

ACCOUNTABILITY

At this time, the group may want to split into smaller, gendered groups.

- Who are you in God's eyes? Who are you in the eyes of this group?

- What has your time in God's word and prayer been like this week?
- What have you learned from Exodus 20 this week?
- How have you loved God and loved others this week?
- Where have you struggled with temptation this week?
- What strongholds have you wrestled with this week?