

HELP PEOPLE DISCOVER LIFE IN CHRIST • PRAY • BUILDING FUND

## KEY LESSONS SO FAR

- When God sees a need, he moves a person.
- Days of darkness don't mean God has failed.
- If God has saved you, don't ever forget how, and don't ever go back.
- God leads us through discomfort to make his power personal.
- God's Law is a blessing and not a burden.
- God gave instructions so He could dwell with them.

GOD HAS AN INTERESTING RELATIONSHIP TO TIME • 400 YRS, TWO CHAPS, 40 YRS, 2 MOS. 40 DAYS

## DELAY

### The Golden Calf (Exodus 32:1-6)

DELAY ⇒ DISAPPOINTMENT ⇒ DETERMINATION // HOW QUICKLY THEY FORGOT!

COERCION ⇒ COMPLIANCE // AARON IRONY // CONFUSING (NOT YHWH, PLURAL, 100 DAYS AGO)

COMPLETION ⇒ CELEBRATION // NEW CONFUSION ABOUT YAHWEH? & SAHAQ/CARESSING

Taking matters into our own **HANDS**

can get us into **TROUBLE**.

### Up on the Mountain (Exodus 32:7-14)

MOSES STILL ALIVE • GOD STILL ATTENTIVE • GOD HAS DISOWNED THEM (YOUR PEOPLE)

GOD THREATENS JUDGMENT • MOSES INTERCEDES USING 3 ARGUMENTS

Moses represents **HIS PEOPLE** to God.

### Moses Returns (Exodus 32:15-35)

15-18 • THIS IS NOT A GOOD PARTY •• 19-20 • BREAKING TABLETS IS ABOUT THE COVENANT WALKTHROUGH THE REST

Moses **REPRESENTS GOD** to the people.

### Covenant Restoration (Exodus 33:1-34:28)

1-6 GOD'S PRESENCE • 7-11 SEEMS LIKE AN ASIDE UNTIL... • 12-14 BACK TO PRESENCE

God's **PRESENCE** is fully with **MOSES**.

15-17 // NARRATE THE SHOW ME YOUR GLORY SECTION // 34:8-10

God's **COVENANT PROMISE** is still in effect.

SUMMARIZE 33:11-34:28

### Side Note (Exodus 34:29-35)

VEIL OVER THE FACE

The story further confirms Moses as God's **MEDIATOR**.

## THE REAL STORY

TWO WAYS WE HAVE MISSED THE POINT: DETAILS & BIG PICTURE / SUNDAY SCHOOL PROBLEM

### The Big Picture

The overall theme is that Moses is the chosen **MEDIATOR**.

### Two Small Details

ENGLISH CAUSES US TO MISS TWO SMALL WORDS

"Make us **ELOHIM**"

KEY VERSES ARE 32:1, 4 • TRANSLATION STATISTICS CHART

Elohim is the most basic word for **GOD**.

"... a festival to **YHWH**"

THEY SAY ELOHIM, AARON BUILT AN ALTAR, AARON REFERRED TO YAHWEH IS AARON CHANGING THE SUBJECT? NOT REALLY

They thought the calf was a representation of **YAHWEH**.

HERE'S THE SECRET OF THE GOLDEN CALF...

### Conclusion

The people haven't rejected **GOD**, but **MOSES**!

However, rejecting God's

**CHOSEN ONE**

**IS** rejecting **GOD**.

## TAKE IT HOME

THE QUESTION: Who (not what) will represent God?

TWO PROBLEMS • THEY HAD GIVEN UP ON THEIR MEDIATOR • AARON DIDN'T STEP UP

Colossians 1:15

Hebrews 1:3

Romans 8:29

- We must be devoted to **CHRIST**, God's chosen mediator.
- We must be willing to be mediators **OURSELVES**.
- As long as God delays, everything depends on **MEDIATORS**.