

**ARE YOU ON THE LORD'S SIDE?**  
**EXODUS 32:26**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. In Exodus 32, the children of Israel turned their attention away from God and turned to an idol made with hands.
2. What caused the children of Israel to give into idolatry? What can cause us to turn from God?

**I. WHY DID THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SIN?**

- A. They changed their concept of God. (Ps. 106.19,20)
  1. Your concept of God dictates your behavior.
  2. Romans 1 paints a vivid picture of what happens when we change our concept of God. (Rom. 1.23-32)
- B. They forgot about God.
  1. **PSALM 106.21:** *“They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt.”*
  2. God brought plagues and parted the Sea, but they forgot!

**II. WHY DID THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL FORGET?**

- A. They followed the leadership of man rather than God.
  1. **EXODUS 32.1:** *“Moses, who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”*
  2. This way of thinking was not new. (Ex. 14.11; 17.3)
  3. Problems occur when we choose to follow man rather than following God. (1 Cor. 1.10-12)
  4. Leaders are merely tools that God uses. (1 Cor. 3.4-7)
- B. They followed the crowd rather than God.
  1. **EXODUS 32.2:** The crowd dictated the course of action that Aaron followed.
  2. **EXODUS 32.21:** *“What did these people do to you...?”*
  3. **EXODUS 32.22-25:** *“You know these people, that they are set on evil, for they said to me...”*
  4. Being concerned about what is popular than what is right, will cause you to forget about God. (Gal. 2.6,11)

**CONCLUSION:** God is on our side, but are you on God's side?

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*“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”*  
-Mark 16.15

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**MEETING TIMES:**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM**  
**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM**  
**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:00 PM**

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## THE GOD WHO IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL

God cannot deny Himself. He cannot act in any way that is contrary to His nature and character. In order to satisfy both His requirement for justice as well as His merciful and gracious nature, God sent forth Jesus. By His death on the cross, sin was punished and justice prevailed. By His resurrection, grace and mercy was extended allowing us to be saved. Therefore through Christ, God is able to be *“just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus”* (Rom. 3.26).

To Timothy Paul wrote, *“If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself”* (2 Tim. 2.13). We have a promise from God that we will be saved when we are obedient to the gospel (2 Tim. 2.11). However, that promise is conditional as it will be based on whether or not we will remain faithful. For *“if we deny Him, He will also deny us.”* (2 Tim. 2.12). To emphasize the above point, Paul then concluded, *“if we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself”* (2 Tim. 2.13). What does that mean? Namely, if we fall away from God, He will be true to His nature of justice, and we will be lost.

Because God is unchanging, never going against His nature, we have confidence that when God makes a promise He will keep it (Heb. 6.17-19). CLP

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#### INTRODUCTION:

1. After the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, they came to base of Mount Sinai where Moses went up to receive the Law.
2. **EXODUS 32:26:** “Whoever is on the LORD’s side...”
3. Exodus 32 is full of meaningful applications.

#### I. THE CONTEXT

- A. Our text begins with Moses on Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments. (Ex. 32.1; cf. Ex. 24.18)
- B. Because of his delay, the children of Israel crafted a golden calf and gave their allegiance to it. (Ex. 32.2-5)
  1. **EXODUS 32.2:** Aaron asked for their jewelry.
  2. **EXODUS 32.3:** The people brought him their jewelry.
  3. **EXODUS 32.4:** Aaron made a golden calf. (cf. Ex. 31.1-5)
  4. **EXODUS 32.5:** Aaron proclaims a feast.
- C. After the golden calf was created, the people worshipped.
  1. **EXODUS 32.6:** They worshipped the idol.
  2. **EXODUS 32.6:** They befriended the idol.
  3. **EXODUS 32.6:** They celebrated the idol.

#### II. THE CONTENTS

- A. The indignation of God. (Ex. 32.7-10)
  1. **EXODUS 32.7:** God referred to Israel as Moses’ people.
  2. **EXODUS 32.8,9:** God described their sin.
  3. **EXODUS 32.10:** God expressed His anger.
- B. The intercession of Moses. (Ex. 32.11-14)
  1. **EXODUS 32.11:** “Then Moses pleaded with the LORD”
  2. **EXODUS 32.12:** Moses reminds God of His reputation.
  3. **EXODUS 32.13:** Moses reminds God of His promises.
  4. **EXODUS 32.14:** God relents from His anger.
- C. The intervention of Moses. (Ex. 32.15-24)
  1. **EXODUS 32.15,16:** Moses came down from the mountain carrying the tablets of stone.
  2. **EXODUS 32.17-19:** Moses was angry.
  3. **EXODUS 32.20:** Moses destroyed the golden calf.

**CONCLUSION:** Moses confronted Aaron and the Israelites and called for their true allegiance to be with God. (Ex. 32.26)

## TAKE THE NAME OF JESUS WITH YOU

We have frequently addressed the name of God and the significance of its meaning. The name of God captures His deity, power, authority, and His compassion. Among the many names He is give, Jesus is known as Emmanuel, Lamb of God, Christ, Counselor, and Prince of Peace. Each of His names captures a nuance of His identity and studying the different names helps us understand and appreciate Him a little more. In this article, we will give attention to the name, “Jesus.”

You don’t have to go very far into New Testament before you read the name, “Jesus.” The book of Matthew begins by telling us what the book is all about: “*This is the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David*” (Matt. 1.1). The name of Jesus literally means, “savior.” If you skip down the page, you learn that it was an angel of the Lord that commanded Joseph, “*you shall call His name, Jesus.*” And then he explains why. “*For He will save His people from their sins*” (Matt. 1.21). Peter emphasized that point when he said, “*Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved*” (Acts 4.12).

The life of Jesus reflects the name that was given to Him. In His mission statement recorded by Luke, Jesus said, “*for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost*” (Luke 19.10). In keeping with the prophecy of David, Jesus was given a body (Heb. 10.5-8; cf Ps. 40.6-8). And that body was given to Him for the specific purpose of offering it as a sacrifice. In essence, Jesus came to die. In the book of John, Jesus was reflecting on His impending death and said, “*Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.*”

Understanding the name of Jesus is to understand His purpose. And to understand His purpose is to also understand our purpose. We are followers of Jesus called to have the same mind as Jesus (Phil. 2.5). If Jesus loved the lost so much that He was willing to give His life to save them, how much effort ought we to put forth in reaching the hearts of the people in this world? If Jesus lived His life to be an example of how to live (1 Pet. 2.21), how much thought ought we to put into living a life that reflects the heart of Jesus (Gal. 2.20)? Even without saying a word, can the people in our lives see Jesus (1 Pet. 3.1)? If your unbelieving family, friends, and coworkers imitated your life, would they be imitating the life of Jesus (1 Cor. 11.1)?

Every morning, make a conscious effort to take the name of Jesus with you. In other words, reflect on the meaning of His name, and let that reflection remind you to go through your day with the purpose of saving others.