Week 6: Moses – The Golden Calf

Daily Devotional

As you read these daily scriptures, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What is God saying to me?
2. What do I want to say to God in response?
3. How will I live out this truth?

**Day 1**: **Exodus 32:7-8**

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’

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**Day 2: 1 John 5:20-21**

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

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**Day 3: Isaiah 44:9**

All who make idols are nothing,
    and the things they treasure are worthless.

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**Day 4: Psalm 115:4-8**

But their idols are silver and gold, made by human hands. They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see. They have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but cannot smell. They have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but cannot walk, nor can they utter a sound with their throats. Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.

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**Day 5: 2 Corinthians 12:9**

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

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Discussion Questions:

1. Read Exodus 32:1-14. In what ways do the Israelites' actions in Exodus 32 reflect a deeper belief that God wasn’t enough for them? How does their impatience and fear influence their decision to make the calf?

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2.  How might we, as modern-day Christians, show similar tendencies of saying God isn’t enough? Consider how we might turn to materialism, comfort, or control in moments of doubt or crisis instead of trusting in God.

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3. Can you think of a time in your life when you’ve tried to rely on something other than God for security, comfort, or direction? How did that impact your relationship with God?

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4. Read Exodus 32:13-14. What is the significance of Moses reminding God of His promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (verses 13-14)? How can we use God’s promises to strengthen our own faith in times of difficulty?

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5. How can we, as a community of believers, avoid the mistake of turning to idols (like technology, materialism, or success) instead of God?

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6. What role does worship play in reminding us that God is enough? How does worship—whether through prayer, music, or scripture—help reorient our hearts and minds back to God’s sufficiency?

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