

Exodus 32-34 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In Ex 32:25-35 describe the actions of the people and why this was bad (v25). How did Moses handle it (v27-28, 29, 30, 31-32)? What was the Lord's response (v33, 34, 35)?

5. According to 33:1-6 what did God tell Moses to do (v1, 3) and what did He reveal about His plans (v2, 3, 5)? How did the people react (v4, 6)? What does this teach us?

6. Looking at 33:7-11 how did Moses provide for fellowship with God (v7)? What happened when he went into the tent (v8, 9, 10)? Describe Moses' and God's relationship (v11).

7. Using 33:12-23 what did Moses request from God (v12, 13, 15, 18) and why (v16)? How did God answer (v14, 17, 19, 20-23)? How would you explain what happened?

8. From 34:1-9 what did the Lord instruct (v1-2, 3) and what did Moses do (v4)? Why did God come down (v5) and what did He reveal (v6-7)? What was Moses' response (v8, 9)?

9. Based on 34:10-26 what did God promise (v10, 11, 24) and what was Israel's part (v12-13, 14-16, 17)? What else were they to do (v18, 19-20, 21, 22, 23, 25-26)?

10. In 34:27-35 what did God command Moses (v27), over what period (v28), and with what result (v29-30)? What did Moses then do (v31-32) and how were the people affected (v29)? How did Moses deal with this (v33-35)?

11. Review the sin of the people, Moses' response, God's response, and the process of restoration (focus on Moses' part especially). Write down some of the truths from this passage that you can apply.

Scripture to Remember

“Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight.”

Exodus 33:13 (ESV)

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Life Group Questions—Radical Faith Walks with God—Heb 11:7

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with the group your favorite hero from history and why. Why do you think God starts with one individual when He changes the world?
2. Read Gen 6:5-10 and Heb 11:7. How would you describe Noah? Based on Heb 11:7 why did Noah find favor in God's eyes? Why does faith make us available to God?
3. What plans did Noah's dad have for him? Have you ever had to do God's will in the face of plans that your family or friends had for you? How did it work out?
4. What are some "facts" of our faith that the world has a difficult time accepting? How about you? How should we handle it when we face these issues?
5. Talk about some things that enable you to continue your obedience to God even when you don't understand why things are like they are. How did Noah do it?
6. How long did Noah wait before God began to fulfill His Word? How would that have affected you? Why is waiting on God so hard and what does it accomplish for us?
7. Share with the group about a faith struggle you are in right now and pray for each other about this.



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Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Introduction to Exodus 32-34



God birthed a nation through suffering to save the world.

The result of Moses' intercession was God's deciding to remain. He replaced the two tablets Moses had smashed, revealed His character, and renewed His covenant with them. He also reminded them to observe His feasts and Sabbath, gave some regulations about sacrifices and then met with Moses for forty days and nights on the mountain. At the end when Moses came down his face shown with God's glory as it had before. Moses' intimate communion with God helped resolve His decision of "should I stay or should I go".

The 1982 rock song, "Should I Stay or Should I Go" captured the indecision that often accompanies a rocky relationship. Similarly, in this week's study God's relationship with His people bottomed out because of sin and He came to the point of deciding whether He would stay with them or go. In Exodus 32 the infamous "golden calf" incident occurs. While Moses was meeting with God on the mountain the people went to Aaron to demand a god they could see to lead them. Aaron told them to give him all their gold earrings which he then sculpted into a calf idol. They then worshiped it and engaged in immorality as they absurdly credited this calf with delivering them from Egypt. God told Moses what they had done and said that He would destroy them as discipline for

their sin. Moses interceded for them and God listened, declaring that He would not harm them. Moses then went down and ground up the calf and made the people drink water filled with its powder. He then rebuked Aaron for his cowardice and called on someone to stand with him against this sin. The tribe of Levi joined him and killed three thousand of their brothers. Moses then asked God to forgive Israel, but God told him that he was departing from the people. When they learned they were to go without Him they stripped off all their jewelry and waited to see if God would reverse His decision. They watched anxiously as Moses went into the tent to meet with God; they knew they had an intimate relationship because Moses' face glowed with God's glory each time they met together.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

Daily Study Questions for Exodus 32-34

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Exodus 32:1-8. Trace the downward spiral of the people (v1, 3, 6) and Aaron (v2, 4, 5)? Why did each react as they did (v1, 5)? How did the Lord react (v7-9)? What can we learn from this?</p>	
<p>2. From 32:9-14 how did God describe the people (v9) and what did He tell Moses (v10)? How did Moses get God to "reconsider" (v11, 12, 13) and what did God do (v14)? Apply.</p>	
<p>3. Using 32:15-24 what did Moses and Joshua discover (v17-18, 19) and how did Moses react (v15-16, 19-20)? How did Moses deal with Aaron (v21) and how did he justify his actions (v22-24)?</p>	

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