

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

EXODUS 32

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Exodus thirty-two is the incredible story that shows just how quickly the sinful heart of man can turn his back on the goodness and graciousness of God. Moses was on Mt. Sinai receiving the tablets of stone, written with the finger of God. The people were below waiting on Moses to return having a word from the God who had delivered them from bondage and brought them to this sacred place to constitute them as a nation. When Moses delayed in his coming, according to their way of thinking, they demanded that Aaron create an image for them to worship. It is an amazing irony that the very first commandment of the covenant God was making with the children of Israel, they were violating before Moses even came down from the mountain of God.

As Moses came back down the mountain, Joshua, his trusted assistant had been waiting for him and immediately said, there is sound of war in the camp. Moses corrected him and said, this is not the sound of war, but rather the sound of singing, which referenced worship. When Moses came near the camp he heard and saw what

all the commotion was about and saw the idol or image made likened unto a golden calf, like the gods of Egypt. He became so angry that he threw the tablets down and broke them and took the golden calf and burned it with fire, ground it to pieces; ground it to powder and scattered its ashes on the water and made the people drink it. This gave them a visual of the exceeding sinfulness of their sin. Moses called for judgment on the people and three thousand people lost their lives that day. Moses called the people to repentance and asked them to consecrate themselves and he went back on the mountain to plead for their forgiveness. Moses so loved the people and wanted God's mercy to be shown. He asked that if he could not forgive them that He would blot out Moses' own name and spare the people. God in mercy forgave them.

Prayer and Action Steps

God never excuses sin. Sin must be repented of and forsaken. God is merciful to forgive.

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
