



5/3/2026 | The Failure of God's People

Reflect + Discuss

- What's something you had to wait a long time for, and how did you handle the waiting?
- Read Exodus 32:1. Why is it significant that Moses was delayed coming down the mountain? When God seems "slow," what's your natural response?
- Read Exodus 32:2-6. Read Exodus 20:2-4. What does their quick "pivot" to the golden calf tell us about the power of old habits versus new convictions? Is it harder to get out of "Egypt," or to get "Egypt" out of us?
- Pastor Lynne said, "When we place our faith in Christ, we are rescued out of this world, and into Christ." How can the story of the Israelites help us to understand this tendency to us to slip back into our old ways? How have you experienced the process of 'leaving your old ways behind'?
- Read Exodus 32:9-10. God describes Israel as being "stiff-necked" or stubborn. In what area of your life—finances, relationships, career, time, etc.—is it hardest for you to be coachable by God right now?
- Read Exodus 32:11-14. What argument is Moses making and why did God relent?
- Read Exodus 32:19-29. Things are in total chaos at the camp. Why do you think the consequences were so severe for what the Israelites had done?
- Read Exodus 32:32-35. What shift have we seen in Moses from the beginning of the story? Why does God ultimately turn down his offer?
- Read Jeremiah 31:33-34. The people continue breaking the covenant throughout the entire Old Testament. What is God's solution to this problem? What does it mean that God writes the law on our hearts?
- We are not in the same situation as the Israelites because we have the Holy Spirit. How can the Holy Spirit help us in our transformation? Is there an area of your life where you've been resisting letting the Holy Spirit work in you? Are there ways this group can support one another on the journey?

Pray

Pray that we may grow in understanding how deeply loved we are by an all-powerful God. Pray that we may grow in recognizing the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As we continue to reflect on this message, pray that we would be transformed more into the image of Jesus.

Next Steps

Check out the [resources page](#) for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out [courses](#).