

TRUTH #3: _____ than we know. (32:7-14)

1. Moses breaks the 10 commandments. (32:19)
2. Moses destroys and devalues the calf. (32:20)
3. Moses publicly confronts Aaron's sinful leadership. (32:21)
4. Moses executes God's judgement on the people. (32:25-29)
 - _____ could have come to the "Lord's side"
 - 3,000 receive God's _____
 - 597,000 receive God's _____

**TRUTH #4: We desperately need a righteous _____
like Moses and we have one.**

- God's mercy is shown to the _____ because of the mediation and righteousness of _____.
- God's _____ with Moses reveal His character and set the stage for the work of Jesus.
- Jesus is our _____ and _____ Moses.

Take a NEXT STEP . . .

Spend 30 minutes with God this week thinking and confessing your stiff-neckedness and savoring the mercy of God in Jesus that triumphs over His judgement. Let Lamentations 3:21-23 be your meditation: *Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.*

NEXT WEEK: *Moses & the Glory of God | Exodus 33-34*



Moses & the Golden Calf

Exodus 32

Sunday, March 21, 2021

The story of "Moses & the Golden Calf" is a story rich with emotion, questions, truth, and application. The way we'll tackle it is by exploring one truth in each of the 4 scenes.

TRUTH #1: We are a _____ - _____ people. (32:1-6)

- We don't and can't keep God's _____.
- We constantly turn aside from God's commands to do things our _____.
- We always prefer a _____ we can control.
- We constantly worship _____ that we think will save us.
- We so often give ourselves over to _____.

**TRUTH #2: God's feelings toward His people are more _____
and _____ than we know. (32:7-14)**

Moses' first intercession: Please _____ Your people:

- because of Your _____ (32:11)
- because of Your _____ (32:12)
- because of Your _____ (32:13)



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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org.

This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

During the COVID-19 crisis our groups are meeting live and virtually using Zoom and other online platforms.

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

In light of the unique opportunity of Easter, who might you invite to our Easter services and how can you creatively and warmly invite them? (It's going to be a BLAST!)

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read Exodus 32 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text/message this week? What was new, fresh, or challenging?
2. What does it mean to be "stiff necked"? Do you identify or resist that description? Which of the 5 bullets under TRUTH #1 is most reflective of your life?

3. In the message, we talked about several potential hang-ups in this text that can become obstacles to feeling its weight and force. Which is the biggest hang up for you? Did the message help in getting around that obstacle?
4. What is so extraordinary about Moses' intercession in Exodus 32:32? What is Moses asking?
5. Explain this statement and how it's true not just in Exodus 32, but also in the Gospel: *God is a God of mercy AND justice, but His mercy triumphs over His judgment.*

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray for those suffering through this Covid-19 pandemic and pray for it to end soon.
- As a group, spend some time, confessing your own stiff-neckedness and returning to the Lord, using the 5 bullets under TRUTH #1 as a guide.
- Share and pray for one another's needs.