



Tuesday Devotion: Exodus Week 13 June 23, 2020

Creating a Different “god”

Bible Reference: [Exodus 32](#)

It is about that time in the wilderness when we look for some other god to rescue us. What are those gods? Science, money, addiction, fear, food, shaming others, or even our own version of the truth. We are often quick to shame the Israelites for making a new god—the golden calf. How on earth could they turn their back on God, the same God who rescued them from slavery? How could they turn their back on all that history?

If we are asking questions about the Israelites, it is good to be real with ourselves as well. How much do we trust Jesus to heal and rescue us? Fear and thinking about death can paralyze us. Are we fearful and overwhelmed with thoughts that our world, our life, will never go back to the way it was? This can push us to find another god. Are we at that point in the wilderness where finding another god might seem like a solution that will satisfy us?

That is the point the Israelites were at. They were weary in the wilderness. They had been there so long. Now their leader, Moses, and God, seemed to have disappeared. Are you at that point? Has God disappeared and left you searching for an alternative?

Exodus 32 reminds us that anyone in the wilderness can forget what God has done. This is why I vowed to remind you of His goodness throughout this wilderness season, but it can't just be my devotions, movie reviews, or sermons. Every day we need to remind ourselves by reading His Word, by reading 1 (part of our B1 Discipleship Model). Personally, by reading the Psalms I am reminded of the wilderness David was in and how many days he cried out to God for help. Life was not easy for David, but God didn't leave him. When we read Scripture, we are reminded of the promises of Jesus. We see that He was willing to do anything for us—even die! His death and resurrection brings us forgiveness, and thus His incredible peace.

Before we shame the Israelites, ask yourself if you have felt tempted to find another god. Visit God's Word every day. Read the stories of many who followed God and remember what Jesus has done for you. Jesus will not leave you, and you need not look further for another god to rescue you. Jesus has already made the ultimate rescue! Thankfully, when we forget that, we can come back to Jesus repenting and asking for the strength to read His Word and believe in His promises, no matter how bleak our country/world looks.

I am praying that the only god you look to is Jesus. He loves you, and He will see you through this wilderness.

God's Peace,
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