



## **Message Reflections**

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*“Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were;”*

1 Corinthians 10:6-7a

### **Read Exodus 32.**

In Exodus 32, we see the reality that God's people are often quick to fall into idolatry. After being rescued by the LORD and seeing Him work in supernatural ways to provide, guide, and protect, the Israelites forgot God's goodness and instead turned to and worshipped an idol to entertain and satisfy them.

- What struck you most personally concerning the actions, emotions and words of Aaron, the people, God and Moses?
- Thinking about idolatry, is there something that fits into this blank for you?  
**Life only has meaning / I only have worth if:** \_\_\_\_\_. Why do you think this idol is such a big deal for you?

We all have our own “sacred cows.” Each one of us has something about which we feel very strongly, and that we will stand up on a pedestal to preach or defend. Whatever your ‘cow’ is, make sure it's in line with God's Word. Otherwise you are drawing attention to a subject that is not truly worthy of attention.

- What things are you tempted to value/love more than God?
- In practical terms, how should we respond when we see idolatry in our hearts?

Like the Israelites, we all sin, make mistakes, and fall short. Many times, we are tempted to cover our short-comings and failures. We construct an attractive exterior, while inside never really dealing with sin. Christ asks us to choose a different way. Instead of pretending to be perfect, we are to admit our wrongdoing and choose to embrace God's mercy and forgiveness. I pray that you have personally experienced this reconciliation with God.

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