

Exodus 32
“Broken Promises”

~ INTRO ~

THE LAST TIME...

- We were together in (Exodus 31)...
 - We learned about the enabling of God...
 - For the work of God.

NOW TONIGHT...

- We move on to (Exodus 32).

IDEA #1 – WRECKLESS BEHAVIOR

(v.1)

- When a spiritual leader does not meet our expectations...
 - We don't have the right to behave recklessly.

THEY EXPECTED MOSES TO BE THERE...

- But God had him delayed for a different purpose...
 - And the people got irritated & behaved badly.

(vv.2-4)

- Spirituality is NOT dictated by human desires.
 - God's word is resolute & unchanging!

IN THE PAST...

- People didn't want God to lead they wanted a king like the nations.
 - (1 Sam 8:5) NLT

HERE'S THE POINT...

- People want to worship God, PLUS something else.
 - This is what it looks like in the church (Gal. 3:3) NLT

AS PAINFUL AS IT IS...

- People often sacrifice more money & time to idols...
 - Then they ever will to the living God.
 - Because they're rebellious!

(v.6) “rose up to play”

- (Heb. *sahaq*) = drunken, immoral orgies, & sexual play. (Kaiser)

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- One Hebrew dictionary uses the phrase “*conjugal caresses*.”

THINK ABOUT IT...

- Just a short time before this the people heard the voice of God...
 - Speaking the 10-commandments to the nation.
 - It was a miraculous event.

BUT...

- It didn't change their hearts...
 - They just craved a less demanding religious experience...
 - That incorporated cultural practices.

In the New Testament God teaches the church this...

- (2 Tim 3:16-17) NKJV

Doctrine = Tells us what's right

Reproof = Tells us what's NOT right

Correction = Tells us how to get right

Instruction = Tells us how to stay right

IDEA #2 – UNBELIEF LEADS TO REBELLION

Responsibility – (v.7)

- God held Moses responsible for the spiritual behavior of the people.

GOD MADE NOTE OF A FEW KEY THINGS...

- 1) They turned away from His direction (v.8a)
- 2) They worshiped powerless things (v.8b)
- 3) They were stubborn & rebelled against spiritual truth (v.9)

(Heb. 3:7-19) NKJV

UNDER MOSES...

- The people had God's help for 40-years...

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- Yet they remained STUBBORN...
 - (Literally –Refused to exercise faith!)

NOW... THE BIBLE TELLS US THIS ABOUT *Faith*...

- (Heb 4:2) NLT

HERE’S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE ...

- If we live outside of faith.

Doubt = Feelings of uncertainty that question God’s ability.

- Can God really help me!?!

SOMEONE ONCE SAID...

- “There’s none so blind as those who refuse to see.”

POINT BEING...

- Doubt is human reason that overshadows trusting God.

IN (James 1:6-8) NLT The Bible says doubt destroys life.

- This is a KEY reason why believers prayers are NOT answered!

JAMES SAYS...

- When we ask God for wisdom, we’re to ask in faith, without doubting.

IDEA #3 – PAINFUL CRIES

(vv.11-13) Moses pleaded with God

(v.14) God heard the cry of Moses

(vv.15-19) When Moses saw the immoral behavior...

- He lost his cool and broke the tablets with the 10-Commandments.

(vv.21 & 25) Lame excuses of Aaron the priest.

(vv.30-32) Heartfelt intercession from Moses.

(v.33) Personal responsibility for personal sin – example (Ezk. 18).

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~ IN CLOSING ~

(Rev. 3:20) NKJV

- God is knocking on the door of your life...
 - Is there anybody here that needs salvation?