Rebellion

Exodus 32:1-14

1. Unholy

Exodus 32:1 When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." **2** Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." **3** So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. **4** He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool.

2. A god of their _____

Exodus 32:4 Then they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." **5** When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD." **6** So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

Application: Stretch your mind and your faith to believe in the ______

of the Bible. Recommended resource: "The Real God" by Chip Ingram

3. Covenant

Exodus 32:7 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. **8** They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' They are bowing down to this stupid gold statue saying, you did all this for me. **9** "I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. **10** Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation." The Lord is saying "Stand to the side, Moses. I will destroy them." I will use you to create another nation."

• *Exodus 20:4–6* "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for <u>I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God</u>, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, **6** but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

•	Application: When struggling against sin ask yourself, "How does God	_about
	this?"	

Recommended Resource: "Disappointment with God" by Philipp Yancey

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4. Praying for a

of God's will.

• 1 John 5:14–15 And this is the confidence that we have before him: that whenever we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in regard to whatever we ask, then we know that we have the requests that we have asked from him.

Exodus 32:11 But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "O LORD," he said, "why should your anger burn against <u>your people</u>, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? **12** Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. **13** Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.' "

• Genesis 22:16-18 "Because you have done this thing and have not withheld your only son, ¹⁷ I will indeed bless you and make your offspring as numerous as the stars of the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your offspring will possess the gates of their enemies. ¹⁸ And all the nations of the earth will be blessed by your offspring because you have obeyed My command." Earlier in Ex.

Exodus 32:14 Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

- Timeless truth: God, in His goodness and within His sovereign plan, allows our world to be " to our prayers."
- Application: When praying for God to act, lay out the reasons why you think that what you ask for aligns with ______.

Recommended Resource: "Prayer" by Tim Keller

Prayer Requests/Praise Items: ____ Put this on the prayer chain.