

# The Darkest of Days

## Exodus 32:15-35

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.

**Exodus 32:15** Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. **16** The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. **17** When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, "There is the sound of war in the camp." **18** Moses replied: "It is not the sound of victory, it is not the sound of defeat; it is the sound of singing that I hear." **19** When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. **20** And he took the calf they had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

**Romans 1:21–23** For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools **23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

**Important Truth: The \_\_\_\_\_ things of your life cannot be the \_\_\_\_\_ things in your heart.**

- **John 17:2–3** For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. **3** Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
- **Useful Questions: How do you reorder your loves? How do you make Christ your first love?**

### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of all sin.

**21** He said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?" **22** "Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. **23** They said to me, '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.' **24** So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!"

**James 1:14** but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.

**Application: Stop \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_ with God and others about who you are.**

#### Next Steps for Growth:

☐ I want to begin to follow Jesus today.  
☐ Sign me up for the membership class  
☐ I want to be baptized.

☐ I want to talk to a Pastor, please contact me.  
☐ My contact information has been updated.  
☐ I am interested in helping to plan the serve day

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Change my contact info

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a: ☐ 1<sup>st</sup> time guest ☐ 2<sup>nd</sup> time guest ☐ Regular Attendee ☐ Member (taken membership class & committed to membership)

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.

*25 Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. 26 So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, “Whoever is for the LORD, come to me.” And all the Levites rallied to him. 27 Then he said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.’ ” 28 The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. 29 Then Moses said, “You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day.”*

- **The \_\_\_\_\_ for idolatry was known by all.**
- **Deuteronomy 13:6–9** If your very own brother, or your son or daughter, or the wife you love, or your closest friend secretly entices you, saying, “Let us go and worship other gods” (gods that neither you nor your fathers have known, **7** gods of the peoples around you, whether near or far, from one end of the land to the other), **8** do not yield to him or listen to him. Show him no pity. Do not spare him or shield him. **9** You must certainly put him to death. Your hand must be the first in putting him to death, and then the hands of all the people.
- **Idolatry brought a \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ nation.**
- **Idolatry would eventually be the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel.**
- **Application: Be very \_\_\_\_\_ how you \_\_\_\_\_ . (Eph. 5:15)**
- **1 Corinthians 10:11–13** These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age. **12** If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. **13** The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.
- **Ephesians 5:15–16** Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, **16** making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

### 4. A \_\_\_\_\_ of sinners.

*30 The next day Moses said to the people, “You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.” 31 So Moses went back to the LORD and said, “Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold. 32 But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.”*

**John 15:13** There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

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