

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: December 11, 2022
Exodus 32:1-14

1. What did we talk about in the last week's study?
 - a. More items for the tabernacle and rituals.
 - b. Purification, ransom offerings, worship, and anointing.
 - c. God chose, gifted, and filled with His Spirit artisans that would make things for the glory of God.
 - d. God reminded his people to observe the Sabbath.

2. What happens now, in 32:1?
 - a. I'm sure that the Israelites are waiting with bated breath to hear the word of God from Moses.
 - b. Well, when Moses took a long time, they came up with other plan.
 - c. The people asked Aaron to make them gods to go before us because they didn't know what happened to Moses.

3. How did Aaron respond, according to 32:2-6?
 - a. He corrected them and reminded them of the power of the one true God.
 - b. He told them about the importance of waiting on the Lord and not moving forward without Him.
 - c. He reminded them of their covenant and how they affirmed that they would remain in covenant with God, which included not making images of gods who had no breath and were not gods and were made by men.
 - d. He told them to bring all of their gold earrings and jewelry and he made them an idol cast in the shape of a calf and declared "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."
 - e. He built an altar in front of the calf and declared a festival and the people all sacrificed burnt offerings to the calf and had a party.

4. What did God say to Moses in 32:7-8?
 - a. Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt.
 - b. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol....
 - c. I have seen these people and they are stiff-necked people.
 - d. ...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.

5. How did Moses respond to God in 32:11-14?
 - a. Moses agreed. He was probably frustrated with them too at this point. Finally God saw it his way.
 - b. Moses pled for mercy for the people.
 - c. Moses pointed out that the Egyptians would not understand the reason for this and would misinterpret it in a way that would reflect poorly on God instead of understanding that this reflected on these people's disobedience against God.
 - d. Moses reminded God of the faithfulness of the ancestors of these people.

6. How do you speak to God? _____

Are there people who you are willing to intercede for and represent before God they way Moses did?_

Is it possible to have a heart for people who have also criticized or turned against you the way Moses did?