

# Exodus 32:1-29 (ESV)

## The Golden You

### Intro

## We Need Revival . . .

- when we do not love Him as we once did.
- when earthly interests and occupations are more important to us than eternal ones
- when we would rather watch TV and read secular books and magazines than read the Bible and pray.
- when church dinners are better attended than prayer meetings.
- when concerts draw bigger crowds than prayer meetings.
- when we have little or no desire for prayer.
- when we would rather make money than give money.
- when we put people into leadership positions in our churches who do not meet scriptural qualifications.
- when our Christianity is joyless and passionless.
- when we know truth in our heads that we are not practicing in our lives.
- when we make little effort to witness to the lost.
- when we have time for sports, recreation, and entertainment, but not for Bible study and prayer.
- when we do not tremble at the Word of God.
- when preaching lacks conviction, confrontation, and divine fire and anointing.
- when we seldom think thoughts of eternity.
- when God's people are more concerned about their jobs and their careers than about the Kingdom of Christ and the salvation of the lost.
- when God's people get together with other believers and the conversation is primarily about the news, weather, and sports, rather than the Lord.
- when church services are predictable and "business as usual."
- when believers can be at odds with each other and not feel compelled to pursue reconciliation.

- when Christian husbands and wives are not praying together.
- when our marriages are co-existing rather than full of the love of Christ.
- when our children are growing up to adopt worldly values, secular philosophies, and ungodly lifestyles.
- when we are more concerned about our children's education and their athletic activities than about the condition of their souls.
- when sin in the church is pushed under the carpet.
- when known sin is not dealt with through the biblical process of discipline and restoration.
- when we tolerate "little" sins of gossip, a critical spirit, and lack of love.
- when we will watch things on television and movies that are not holy.
- when our singing is half-hearted and our worship lifeless.
- when our prayers are empty words designed to impress others.
- when our prayers lack fervency.
- when our hearts are cold and our eyes are dry.
- when we aren't seeing regular evidence of the supernatural power of God.
- when we have ceased to weep and mourn and grieve over our own sin and the sin of others.
- when we are content to live with explainable, ordinary Christianity and church services.
- when we are bored with worship.
- when people have to be entertained to be drawn to church.
- when our music and dress become patterned after the world.
- when we start fitting into and adapting to the world, rather than calling the world to adapt to God's standards of holiness.
- when we don't long for the company and fellowship of God's people.
- when people have to be begged to give and to serve in the church.
- when our giving is measured and calculated, rather than extravagant and sacrificial. . . . when we aren't seeing lost people drawn to Jesus on a regular basis.
- when we aren't exercising faith and believing God for the impossible.
- when we are more concerned about what others think about us than what God thinks about us.
- when we are unmoved by the fact that 2.5 billion people in this world have never heard the name of Jesus.

- when we are unmoved by the thought of neighbors, business associates, and acquaintances who are lost and without Christ.
- when the lost world around us doesn't know or care that we exist.
- when we are making little or no difference in the secular world around us.
- when the fire has gone out in our hearts, our marriages, and the church.
- when we are blind to the extent of our need and don't think we need revival.

Intro:

We all need revival. This week we are looking at things that hinder revival and breakthrough all the boundaries that hold us back!!!

Lets Pray!!!

Tonight we will look at Idols!!!

Lets read!!!

32 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, “Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” <sup>2</sup> So Aaron said to them, “Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” <sup>3</sup> So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup> And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” <sup>5</sup> When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD.” <sup>6</sup> And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

---What have you fashioned as an idol into an idol?

Your car? Your job? Your Hobbies? Your Preferences?

<sup>7</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, for **your** people, whom **you** brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. <sup>8</sup> They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” <sup>9</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “**I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people.**” <sup>10</sup> Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you.”

**Are you a Stiff neck person that takes matters into your own hands?**

**When something does not fall into your timing or way of doing something.**

**It is God’s time, and not Our timing!!!**

<sup>11</sup> But Moses **implored** the LORD his God and said, “**O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?**” <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’” <sup>14</sup> And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

**Moses pleaded for their lives.**

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets that were written on both sides; on the front and on the back they were written. <sup>16</sup> The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. <sup>17</sup> When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is a noise of war in the camp.” <sup>18</sup> But he said, “**It is not the sound of shouting for victory, or the sound of the cry of defeat, but the sound of singing that I hear.**” <sup>19</sup> And as soon as he

came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses' anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. <sup>20</sup> He took the calf that they had made and burned it with fire and ground it to powder and scattered it on the water and made the people of Israel drink it.

<sup>21</sup> And Moses said to Aaron, "What did this people do to you that you have brought such a great sin upon them?" <sup>22</sup> And Aaron said, "Let not the anger of my lord burn hot. You know the people, that they are set on evil. <sup>23</sup> For they said to me, 'Make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' <sup>24</sup> So I said to them, 'Let any who have gold take it off.' So they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf."

Aaron was like it wasn't me. It was them.

<sup>25</sup> And when Moses saw that the people had broken loose (for Aaron had let them break loose, to the derision of their enemies), <sup>26</sup> then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, "Who is on the LORD's side? Come to me." And all the sons of Levi gathered around him. <sup>27</sup> And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Put your sword on your side each of you, and go to and fro from gate to gate throughout the camp, and each of you kill his brother and his companion and his neighbor.'" <sup>28</sup> And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And that day about three thousand men of the people fell. <sup>29</sup> And Moses said, "Today you have been ordained for the service of the LORD, each one at the cost of his son and of his brother, so that he might bestow a blessing upon you this day."

Closing:

Today you have been ordained for the service of the Lord!!

What idol do you have that is keeping you from true revival. True Breakthrough.

Some people never stop relying on their idols and their fate is similar to those in this story. Churches across the United State keep the idols of the past, present in the way of revival.

That only leads to one outcome, They turn off their lights and close their doors forever.

This story is part of the journey of the Hebrew people's journey to the promised land.

They were promised Victory and a Promised land.

You are promised Victory also. Just get your idols out of the way and let God do his thing.

Get your personal preferences of what you think your life, others lives, the life of the church is and allow God in His Holy Spirit to lead you to true revival of the church.

My daughters love ice cream and snow cones. All they have to do is keep their room clean and they will get the reward of going out and being able to choose the exact flavor of ice cream or snow cone.

There is one problem, they keep getting side tracked, they start cleaning their room and then they see their toys.

Then I walk into their room and they have fallen asleep.

When I wake them up to finish their room they whine and complain that it's their room and it's ok if it's dirty.

That's when I say, no it's my room because I have provided a room for you.

This is God's church and he has provided a church for you to worship!!!

Funny thing with my girls is that the ice cream shop closes because they took too long.

People do not wait for revival. There will be a time where the church people will get side tracked on small things. They will grow tired and fall asleep and time will run out.

Get rid of the idols that are hindering yours and the church's revival!!!