

GCFSM SUNDAY

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DO NOT BE STIFF-NECKED

EXODUS 32:1-35 | REV. DON GUICO

"And the LORD said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people.'" - Exodus 32:9

The delay of Moses' return led to uncertainty in the camp. And because of this, the Israelites forgot their commitment to God when He said in Exodus 19:4-6 -

⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

to which they responded in verse 8 with,

"All that the Lord has spoken we will do."

What happened in Exodus 32:1-6 only highlighted what they had always been, which the Lord Himself (v.9) described them as: a stiff-necked people! In their proclamation that the golden calf was "their gods... who brought them up out of the land of Egypt," they demonstrated not only their forgetfulness, but also the true condition of their heart. Nehemiah nailed this in his account in Nehemiah 9:17, which says,

"They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders you

performed among them. They stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt."

They had quickly forgotten who God was, how good He was, and how great He was. And this led them to commit a great sin - they replaced Him with other gods!

But we are no different when we are in a desperate situation and the Lord seems to tarry. We tend to forget God and revert to our old way of taking matters into our own hands. But despite our tendency to be stiff-necked, God has never deserted His people.

"He is a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love (Nehemiah 9:18)."

Let us be mindful and remind ourselves constantly as to who God is and how He had demonstrated his goodness and greatness in our lives. This practice will keep our hearts tender, uncorrupted and ever surrendered. But even if we do fail, God will never leave us nor forsake us!✠

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October 24, 2021, Sunday
1:30 PM via Zoom

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October 30, 2021, Saturday
4 PM via Zoom

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