

# Define the Relationship | God, Moses & Me

WEEK SEVEN | PASTOR BEN JOHNSTON

Define the relationship you have with Jesus.

If you allow your circumstances and emotions, be the guiding factor to truth, to love, to how you experience God, you are headed for disaster.

- ◇ Their impatience was the first step in the wrong direction.

**The Calf: égel - a young bull in his full strength**

- ◇ Resembled the Egyptian bull god, Apis: A symbol of strength and power

**Any image made of God obscures the glory of God.**

- ◇ "To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him?" Isaiah 40:18
- ◇ We are all tempted to make a god of our own image.
- ◇ There is only one image that is worthy of our worship, His name is Jesus.

KNOW

**God was defining their relationship on top of the mountain and they were defiling their relationship at the bottom of it.**

- ◇ "You have committed a great sin" (Exodus 30 & 31).

**All law and morality must come from God's standard and character.**

- ◇ The breaking of the tablets was symbolic that the people of Israel had broken the covenant they had just made with God.
- ◇ Sins should make you sick to your stomach
- ◇ Idols are like human waste
- ◇ The danger with idolatry is not in an item... it is in us.
- ◇ What's your idol?

SCRIPTURES

Exodus 19:5-8  
Exodus 24:3-4  
Exodus 32  
Luke 10:27  
1 Corinthians 13:4  
Isaiah 40:18  
Colossians 1:15  
Hebrews 1:3  
Revelation 2:4  
Luke 9:23

TAKEAWAY

"Miracles and signs and wonders do not guarantee either faith or faithfulness to God."

- Pastor Ben Johnston

**Warm Up | Name one thing you can make well. How long did it take you to learn this skill?**

1. In your opinion, what does a healthy relationship with God, and with others look like?
2. Pastor Ben referred to an idol as anything that takes the place of God.
  - a. What are some things that can take our attention away from God?
  - b. What impact does idolatry have on a believer?
  - c. What steps can we take to keep our hearts free of idols? (I John 5:21)
3. Read Exodus 32 again,
  - a. Highlight some key words, or a verse that stuck out to you.
  - b. What title would you give this chapter?
4. What does it mean for you to put God first? List any other Biblical examples who chose to put God first, and the effect or outcome of their decision.

**GO**

**“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matthew 6:33). This week, practice putting God first in everything you do, and prepare to share the impact of this practice at your small group**

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