



## Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church Sermon Series: My Way: Week 4 (March 17, 2024)

*This guide is a supplement to the weekly sermon. We encourage families and groups to use it. When we hear God's Word, we need to do more than listen. The bible says, "Be doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22). Step 1: **GATHER** with your family or group. Step 2: **REVIEW** and **DISCUSS** the key points and scriptures from the sermon. Step 3: **PRAY** for the prayer requests shared by your family or group.*

### DISCUSSION STARTER

What reasons have you heard that people turn away from Christ? Do we ever settle for good choices when the best choices are still out there? Explain. Have you ever made a choice you thought was right, only to find out later it was not the best choice?

### DIGGING DEEPER 1

**Read Isaiah 53:6, 55:8-9.** Using a good Bible Study tools like [Bible Hub \(biblehub.com\)](http://biblehub.com), [Blue Letter Bible \(blueletterbible.org\)](http://blueletterbible.org), [Got Questions \(gotquestions.org\)](http://gotquestions.org), and [Enduring Word \(enduringword.com\)](http://enduringword.com) study through these scriptures before responding to the following questions: The truth is Jesus died because of our sins. Do you believe Jesus died for your sins? If so, when did this first occur? If not, why do you hesitate? Is it related to whether you see yourself as a stray sheep? Why does Isaiah compare us to sheep? This One who suffered for us shows what love is all about. From His love and sacrifice love has been spread forth throughout the world. How has His love directly affected your life? Your marriage? Your responses to others? There are over 300 predictions in the Old Testament that point to Jesus in the New Testament. The odds of any man fulfilling these prophecies, even up to the present time, has been estimated to be 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 (10 to the 17th power). What limits our understanding (Isaiah 55:9-9)? The story of Joseph is found in Genesis 37-50. How did God use the rebellious "my way" mentality of those around Joseph to position him for God's purpose? How does He do this in your life?

### DIGGING DEEPER 2

**Read Exodus 32:7-8; Genesis 34:12-16.** Using a good Bible Study tools like [Bible Hub \(biblehub.com\)](http://biblehub.com), [Blue Letter Bible \(blueletterbible.org\)](http://blueletterbible.org), [Got Questions \(gotquestions.org\)](http://gotquestions.org), and [Enduring Word \(enduringword.com\)](http://enduringword.com) study through these scriptures before responding to the following questions: What is the lesson of the golden calf? What does the golden calf symbolize? What did the Passover accomplish? Who was Moses foreshadowing? What was the purpose of the Law? Why the Law? How many times have we prayed? How many times have we asked for God's protection over our lives? How many times have we asked God for his deliverance and then within 6 months the commitment to God, our prayer time, our time reading the bible, and our faith fades back into the same old faithless, selfish "my way" mentality, that you had before you started pleading with God to bring healing or deliverance in your life? What was God doing in Exodus 32:7-8?

### DIGGING DEEPER 3

**Read 1 Samuel 8:5-9; 1 Kings 11:9-11, 32-33, 38; 2 Kings 17:13-17.** Using a good Bible Study tools like [Bible Hub \(biblehub.com\)](http://biblehub.com), [Blue Letter Bible \(blueletterbible.org\)](http://blueletterbible.org), [Got Questions \(gotquestions.org\)](http://gotquestions.org), and [Enduring Word \(enduringword.com\)](http://enduringword.com) study through these scriptures before responding to the following questions: Why were the Israelites willing to ignore the warning about a king? Why does God seem to "give in" to their request? What does this teach us about Him? When are you inclined to do something just to be "like everyone else"? What does that desire communicate to God? When was the last time you bulldozed over God's will, only to have the walls crash down on you? What makes worshipping an idol so destructive to a relationship with God? How do you see Romans 1:23 played out in our society today? How have you seen it in your own life? What idols have you worshipped in your life? Why is the lure of idols so strong? How can we keep ourselves from idol worship today? In 1 and 2 Kings, what stood out to you most from story after story of kings "doing what was evil in the eyes of the Lord?" As you read through these stories, did you find yourself hoping for God to bring judgment on Israel, or for God to show them patience and mercy?

### DOING THE WORD

Why is trust such a hard thing for us to learn? What other things battle for our trust? How is God currently at work in your life to lead or change you? What steps do you need to take to acknowledge your trust in Him in that process? Discuss areas of life in which you are struggling to trust God. Then spend time praying for each person.

# GENESIS 3:15



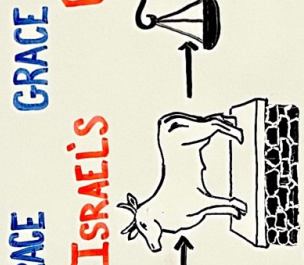
GOD ALLOWS JOSEPH TO BE BETRAYED BY HIS BROTHERS and SOLD AS A SLAVE TO EGYPT. THIS ALLOWS GOD TO PRESERVE THE FUTURE NATION, and TO PROTECT THE BLOODLINE WHILE GIVING ISRAEL TIME TO GROW.



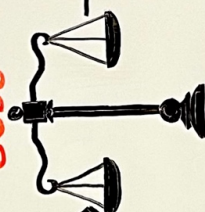
- GOD CONTINUES TO ESTABLISH THE PATTERN OF A SAVIOR BY USING MOSES.
- GOD CONTINUES TO ESTABLISH THE PATTERN OF SACRIFICE.
- GOD CONTINUES TO DEFEAT SATAN'S PLAN TO DESTROY THE NATION THAT PRESERVES THE BLOODLINE, WHO WILL PRODUCE THE SAVIOR THAT CONQUERS SATAN.



THE NEXT STEP IN ESTABLISHING THE NATION IS GOD GIVING HIS LAW TO HIS PEOPLE.



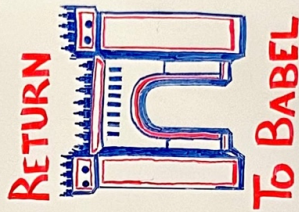
REBELLION THE ISRAELITES REBEL AT MT. SINAI, AND RETURN TO THEIR OWN WAY OF WORSHIPING OTHER GODS.



CORRECTION GOD PROVIDES JUDGES TO CORRECT ISRAEL'S REBELLION.



A KING THE ISRAELITES REFUSE TO ACCEPT GOD'S AUTHORITY AS RULING OVER ISRAEL AS KING.



GOD IS ALLOWING THE REBELLION OF ISRAEL TO ESTABLISH THE DYNASTY THAT WILL PRODUCE THE KING OF ALL KINGS WHO WILL ESTABLISH GOD'S ETERNAL KINGDOM ON EARTH!

THE LAW