

Sermon Notes

Journey of Stones 1 - Covenant Exodus 32:7-20

1. Welcome to Lent – the 40 Days of Preparation for Easter!
2. What are we giving up for Lent?
 - a. Exodus 34:6 – “The Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness...”
 - b. Sacrifice is for forgiveness and an invitation to be made whole – NOT a punishment.
3. Covenant
 - a. Marriage – I agree to do this if you agree to do this.
 - b. Moses & the Israelites – I will be your God if you will be my people.
 - i. Exodus 19:5-6 – YES! We want to be in a covenant relationship with you!
 - ii. Exodus 32 – 40 days is too long to wait; we’ll build ourselves a God!
 - iii. What golden calves do we have in our lives today?
 - c. Broken Covenant.
 - i. How foolish were they 4,000 years ago? They had it made and they couldn’t wait 40 days?
 - ii. They let fear and worry take over.
 - iii. What do we turn to when fear and worry take over our lives?
 - d. The covenant God wants with us:
 - i. God wants to be our God.
 - ii. Honor your father and mother.
 - iii. Don’t lie.
 - iv. Don’t steal.
 - v. Don’t want others’ stuff.
 - vi. Take a day off.
4. The Issue: Our brokenness.
 - a. We break the commandments when we are broken.
 - b. These rules help us live better lives.
 - c. It is time to give away our stones of hurt and come back to God!