

**Idolaters can be invited back to  
God through Intercession.**

# Exodus 32

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3. From Intercession back to Invitation

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**1. From Invitation to Idolatry**

**Exodus 32:1** 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."

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**1. From Invitation to Idolatry**

The first thing that takes us  
from invitation to idolatry is  
**impatient unbelief.**

**Exodus 32:2** 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.” ...  
4 “And he received the gold from their  
hand and fashioned it with a graving tool  
and made a golden calf”

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## 1. From Invitation to Idolatry

The second thing that takes us  
from invitation to idolatry is  
**making false gods out of  
God's good gifts.**

**Exodus 32:6** 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.

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## **1. From Invitation to Idolatry**

The last reality of idolatry is  
**it pulls others away from God's  
invitation to be near him.**

**Exodus 32:7** “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves...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.”

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## **2. From Idolatry to Intercession**

1. Intercession starts with believing God is the only one who can save.
2. Intercession believes God is impacted by our prayers.
3. Intercession cares more about God's glory than our own.
4. Intercession pleads God's promises.
5. Through Intercession we gain God's heart for His glory.

**Exodus 32:31** So Moses returned to the Lord and said, “Alas, this people have sinned a great sin. They have made for themselves gods of gold. But now, if you will forgive their sin-but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written.”

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**3. From Intercession back to Invitation...**

**Exodus 32:33** But the Lord said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me, I will blot out of my book. **34** but now go, lead the people to the place about which I have spoke to you; behold, my angel shall go before you.

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**3. From Intercession back to Invitation...**

**Hebrews 7:25**, Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

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**3. From Intercession back to Invitation...**

**Romans 8:34** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

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**3. From Intercession back to Invitation...**

**Romans 8:26** Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. **27** And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**Hebrews 4:16** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- 1. Pick a person.**
- 2. Pick a promise.**
- 3. Pray in such a way that God will be praised!**