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Psalm 40:1-3 (NIV) – "I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in Him".

Psalm 40:4-5 (NIV) - "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare".

"Stress and worry are residuals of relying on yourself and being your own god, in control of everything. Worship allows us to rely on God's power to steer us through life" – *T.D. Jakes*

Exodus 20:4-6 (NKJV) – "You shall not make for yourself a carved image – any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments".

Matthew 19:13-14 (NIV) – Then people brought little children to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these".

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Exodus 32:1-4a (NIV) — When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him". Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons, and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me". So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool.

"The clause 'as for this fellow Moses who brought us out of Egypt' is deliberately cast in coarse language, thus revealing the attitude of the people who had relegated God's works to a mere mortal" – *Walter Kaiser*

Exodus 32:4b-6 (NIV) – Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt". When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord". So the next day, the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward, they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

Exodus 32:22-24 (NIV) – Do not be angry, my lord", Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him'. So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold or jewelry, take it off'. Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!"

Deuteronomy 9:20 (NIV) – "And the Lord was angry enough with Aaron to destroy him, but at that time I prayed for Aaron too".

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Exodus 32:25-26 (NIV) – Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever is for the Lord, come to me". And all the Levites rallied to him.

Mark 6:1-6 (NIV) – Jesus left there and went to His hometown, accompanied by His disciples. When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given Him? What are these remarkable miracles He is performing? Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon? Aren't His sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in His own town, among his relatives and in his own home". He could not do any miracles there, except lay His hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.