

This pandemic proving ground

Intro:

Isa 30:1-19

where are your turning for salvation? What are you searching for on your news feed?

Our former prosperity, our former freedom our former feeling of sovereignty it was all a lie - beware of running back to it

God is teaching us something through all this

Isa 40:31; 64:3-4

Wait for the Lord...the very thing they couldn't do

But God is teaching them now, even as He is teaching us but this is nothing new...

He taught Noah to wait 120 years till the flood

He taught Abraham and Sarah to wait 25 years till the promised son

He taught Jacob and Rachel to wait 14 years for their wedding day

He taught Joseph to wait 13 years for his dreams to become a reality

He taught Israel to wait 40 years to go into the promised land

He taught David to wait 10 years for his promised kingship

He is teaching us to wait as its been over 2000 years since Christ left to prepare a place for us

But right now He is teaching us to wait...so far a week but it feels like forever...but remember

We are not forsaken while we wait

He has not forgotten us while we languish

Our hope will not put us to shame

we wait but He is working

Do you believe it?

Problem:

1 cor 10:1-14

Exodus 32:1-6 is not just a story of what happened - it is a story of what happens - it exposes the anatomy of our idolatry - beware of the impatience that leads you back into the idols of your former security and significance

Main Idea:

Beware of the impatience

that leads back to idolatry

Implication:

This pandemic is our proving ground

Application:

The prisoners are listening - will you sing?

Articles for further study:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/4-lessons-church-history/>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/battling-the-unbelief-of-impatience>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-patience.html>

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Text:

Beware of the impatience

Ex. 32:1 ¶ When the people saw that Moses **delayed (piel form - disappointed in his delay) 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.**”

ex 24:15-18 (they didn't know it was going to be for 40 days -seems impossible they could see cloud - ate manna that very morning)

gen 3:1-8 (seems impossible but it is not new - impatience came before pride - it is the root of the root of sin did God say- ask Him)

(The story in Genesis is not only a story of what happened one time in at the very beginning...it is a story of what happens over and over again in the lives and heart of every sinner at the slightest provocation - in the case of exodus - in the slightest delay)

1 sam 13:5-14 (what was the beginning of his great sin - impatience - we fall into this sin when we want God on our terms we want things in our timing - but He is to be worshipped on His terms in His timing)

lam 3:19-33 (contrast - each morning manna was a lesson - if God wants us in our homes without sports without responsibility - that is where we must be)

hab 3:16-19 (i will wait - even if it is all falling apart)

1 pet 1:3-9 (this pandemic is our proving ground)

matt 5:3-6 (this is the posture of the people of God)

heb 6:11-12 (through patience we inherit the kingdom of God)

James 1:2-4 (through patience we are made complete)

but what does it look like to not have patience - idolatry and immorality)

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Ex. 32:2 So Aaron said to them, “Take off (piel snatch off give to me) the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.”

Ex. 32:3 So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron.

Ex. 32:4 And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made **a golden calf (apsis sacred bull of fertility)**. And they said, “**These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!**”

Ex. 32:5 When Aaron saw this, **he built an altar before it**. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD.”

Ex. 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.**

ex 20:4-6,, 23 (forgot commandments - no other gods no graven images)

(ex 24:4-11 (forgot their previous piety)

ex 31:1-6 (mocking the beauty and craftsmanship of real worship)

Isa 44:6-28 (not an ironsmith - Aaron - remember these things - the idols off this world are nothing)

— Calvin monstrous madness mixed with stupidity)

ps 106:19-22 (forgot what He had done forgot to look up - forgot the manna they ate that morning)

Ezekiel 20:6-8 (mocking their exodus - aphis fertility god of Egypt bull calf - though to be the creator - made no demands no laws no sin offering - do it yourself salvation)

acts 7:39 (turned back to Egypt - worshiped openly what they worshipped in their hearts already - self reliance) - sought to create what God already provided

- rushed something overnight that God was building carefully

- invisible personal God becomes visible but impersonal and pathetic

- how would you have responded before your faith? Is there a difference?

matt 6:19-34 (do not return to the false safety of money the security of your plans - beware of placing safety there - give us this day our daily bread)

(rom 1:18-23 (do not return to a practical atheism - this right now is a gift - naturalism cannot fix this)

(2 Tim 3:1-4 (do not long to return to a worldly Christianity - it has nothing to say - where are the faith healers? Where are the prosperity pimps? They have nothing to say. They are fake church never forget

this moment)

James 4:13-16 (do not return to the false security of plans set in stone)

2 pet 3 (Instead of the pragmatic idolatry of a circumstantial worship borne of impatience - Let your worship and your stability be seen here now in the midst of uncertainty while we wait

acts 16:23-25 the pandemic is our proving ground - the prisoners are listening - will you sing?)

Application Questions

MESSAGE RECEIVED
(Do you understand what you learned?)

- What is the main point of this message? (Could you summarize it in your own words?)
- What is something new that you learned?
 - What was your knowledge in this area before you heard this message?
 - Any change you will make in your daily life based upon this new knowledge?
- What reference verse stands out to you and why?
- How did this message encourage you? Why do you think that is?
- Did the message pair with your weekly bible reading in any way?
- What is a struggle you had with this message? It's content or it's application?
- What are some truths that stand out to you in this message?
 - Any life testimonies that you can think of that are good examples of these truths?
- What character/attribute of God stands out to you the most in this message and why?
 - Any specific verse that puts this attribute on display?

MESSAGE APPLIED
(What are you going to do with what you learned?)

Culture

- What are the lies of the world/devil that we need to be aware of that are antithetical to this message?
- What do you think the cultural animosity is towards this message if we apply it rightly?

Church

- How do you see this message impacting the church corporately? (locally/globally)
 - What prayers would be good to pray for the church body based on this message?

Individual

- Is there a sin in your life that this message convicted you of?
 - Why do you think this was a blind spot in your sanctification before this message?
- How did the message address any specific life circumstance you are going through right now?

- Select two questions from the below list and write down your answer to them:
 - How does this message change or impact your:
 - Prayer Life?
 - Evangelism?
 - Bible Reading?
 - Christian Relationships?
 - Non-Christian relationships?
 - Parenting?
 - Role as a Husband/Wife?
 - Workplace?
- **How have you been changed by this message? What is your one memorable takeaway. If I ask you “How did God sanctify you through the preaching of this message, how would you respond?”**