

# The Golden Calf

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Exodus 32

## Reading a Very Old Story

How Paul Read This – Example and Warning

1 Cor 10:1-13

## The Story

Exodus 32:1-18

**Called, Blessed, and Instructed – And then Disobedient**

Covenant broken even as it is made

### Idolatry

Rejecting God; Forming their own God

### Intercession and Forgiveness

Moses Interceding; Covenant Re-established

## Indulging Desires

The Simplest Level - But still very relevant!

### The Unfolding Story

- Starts in Fear
- Continues by taking “religion” in own hands
- Ends in Revelry

## Missing What We’re Made For

**God’s Dream** – Through the Bible

**Creation** – People as God’s Partners

**Israel** – Covenant

**Early Christians** – Live up to Calling

## Where We Live

**Our Temptations** – Deeply shaped by where and when we live

**Moses Day** – Israel among the gods

**Paul’s Day** – Believers among pagan decadence

**Our Day** – Secular Age – We are the idols