

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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GREAT BIG GOD

“Your Own Personal Jesus?”

Exodus 20:4–5

4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image... for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me...

Exodus 20:3

“You shall have no other gods before me.”

LIFE PRINCIPLE: We break this commandment whenever we define God as we want him to be _____

Quote: “If our God never contradicts us, or makes us mad, then we are likely not worshipping him, but a reflection of ourselves.” -Karl Barth

Exodus 32 (ESV)

32 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.” 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.” 3 So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. 4 And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden[a] calf. And they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” 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.” 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. 7 And the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves.

19 And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses’ anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. 20 He took the calf that they had made and burned it with fire and ground it to powder and scattered it on the water and made the people of Israel drink it.

21 And Moses said to Aaron, “What did this people do to you that you have brought such a great sin upon them?” 22 And Aaron said, “Let not the anger of my lord burn

hot. You know the people, that they are set on evil. 23 For they said to me, '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.' 24 So I said to them, 'Let any who have gold take it off.' So they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf."

3 GENUINE TRUTHS ABOUT 'COUNTERFEIT GODS'

1. Counterfeit gods correspond to _____
2. Counterfeit gods corrupt us _____

Jeremiah 2:5 (NLT)

*5 This is what the Lord says:
"What did your ancestors find wrong with me
that led them to stray so far from me?
They worshiped worthless idols,
only to become worthless themselves.*

3. Counterfeit gods disappoint us _____

Quote: *"Only the faith that believes God regarding things it doesn't want to hear can believe God about the things it desperately does want to hear." -Tim Keller*