

NEUTRAL IS NOT AN option in life.

Exodus 32:1-14

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Alta Vista Baptist Church



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." – Proverbs 3:5-6

□ "The waiting is the hardest part." – Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers

1) Life in NEUTRAL (Exodus 32:1-3)

"When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron..." – Exodus 32:1a

- ⊙ Neutral living; Israelites, David, A whole bunch of the Kings, Job's wife, Jonah, The Rich Young Ruler, Pontius Pilate, The GOATS (Matthew 25:44-45)
- ⊙ We live in Neutral when we;
 1. **Fail to TRUST the Purposes of God (32:1b)**
 2. **Forget the GRACE of God (32:2-3)**

What does God say about living in Neutral? **"PICK A SIDE!"**
Matthew 5:13, 6:24, 16:26, 1 John 3:10, Revelation 2:4-5, 3:15-16

2) Life in REVERSE (Exodus 32:4-8)

"He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." – Exodus 32:4

- ⊙ Reverse Living: Cain, Pharaoh of Egypt, The Israelites (*at times*), A whole bunch of the Kings, The Prodigal Son, Pharisees and Jewish Leaders, Saul
- ⊙ We live in Reverse when we ;
 1. **Distort the WORSHIP of God (32:4-6)**
 2. **Exchange the GLORY of God (32:7-8)**

What does God say about living in Reverse? (Matthew 12:30-33)

"Come To Me!" Matthew 11:28-30, John 7:37-38, Romans 6:23
"I LOVE You!" John 3:16, Romans 5:8, 1 Peter 3:18, 1 John 4:9-10
"I FORGIVE You!" Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:13-14, 1 John 1:9

3) Life in DRIVE (Exodus 32:9-14)

"But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God." – Exodus 32:11a

- ⊙ Driven Living: Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Nehemiah, some of the Kings, the OT Prophets, Jesus, Peter, Stephen, Paul
- ⊙ We live in Drive when we;
 1. **Appeal to God's character and FAITHFULNESS in prayer (32:11-13)**
 2. **Seek the WILL of God not our own Selfish Desires in prayer (32:10)**
 3. **Believe that God ANSWERS prayer (32:14)**

What does God say about living in Drive? **"I Will CHANGE You!"**
Proverbs 3:5-6, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Philippians 3:13-14



DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: What are some things/people that our society worships? Are any of those things a temptation for you?

Q2: How does human pride interfere with obedience to God? Why do we resist worshiping God in the way He has prescribed?

Q3: Along with your own personal prayer, what percentage of your prayer life is spent in intercession for others?

Q4: In what ways have you been leaning on your own understanding?

Q5: What areas of your life do you need to acknowledge God and trust Him?