



Redemption

How Jesus Frees Us

Sunday, September 29, 2019 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 21: God's Word is Life

Exodus 32:1-35

You can listen to the **CROWD** (v. 1-6)

Living in the Age of Outrage v. 1ff

1 Peter 3:10-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12; 2 Timothy 3

Honoring Authority v. 1ff

Romans 13; Hebrews 13-17

or you can listen to **GOD**, (v. 7-14)

— one ends in **DEATH**,
but God's word is **LIFE!** (v. 15-35)

Who/what are you listening to? — What is the result in your life?



life **HOMESWORK** groups

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Getting Started

1. **Getting to Know You:** *We're officially into fall! What is your favorite thing about autumn?*
2. **Read Exodus 32.** Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

Digging Deeper

3. This week we see God's people totally betray him, after numerous times where he showed himself faithful, rescued, cared for, and provided for his people. On the heels of incredible triumph, God's people plunged into idolatry. From our vantage point, it seems incomprehensible that Israel could fall so quickly. What's *your* initial reaction to their actions?
 - a. Go back and **read Exodus 19:7-8**. This was just 40 days prior to what takes place in **Exodus 32**. What do you think happened over the course of a month to cause them to turn on the Lord?
 - b. Have you ever made commitments to follow Jesus, only to find yourself turning from him?
 - c. **Read Jeremiah 17:9**. Does this help explain anything?
4. This wasn't the first and certainly was not the last time God's people inexplicably turned their backs on him. The truth of the matter is we're all guilty of it. Another prime example we could point to is Peter, who spent over 3 years of his life following and living life alongside Jesus. Yet we end up seeing him turn his back on Jesus not once, but three times. **Read Luke 22:54-62**.
 - a. What's your initial reaction to Peter's actions? Is it different than your reaction to Israel's betrayal of God in **Exodus 32**?
 - b. Go back a few verses and **Read Luke 22:33-34**. This was only a few hours before Peter denies knowing Jesus. What similarities do you see between this and Israel in Exodus 19 and 32?
 - c. Jesus had previously told Peter that he would use him to build his Church in **Matthew 16:15-19**... Do you think Peter still believed Jesus' promise after all this?
5. Let's look at how things turn out for Peter. **Read John 19:1-21**.
 - a. How does Peter respond to seeing Jesus? What would you have been feeling if you were Peter?
 - b. How does Jesus restore Peter? What does he tell him to do?
6. In **Acts 3 & 4** we read about Peter healing people and preaching the Gospel boldly, to the point of getting arrested. **Read Acts 4:13-19**. — This is remarkable! Peter goes from being a coward who denied Jesus to a middle school girl to being bold enough to face persecution for preaching the Gospel. — What hope does Peter's example of restoration and faith offer you in times when you've failed and turned from the Lord?
7. Close by praying for each other.

