

## GOD, ARE YOU STILL IN CONTROL? The Isolation of Moses Exodus 24 Steve Holdaway, LifeSpring Church, 04.19.20

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## Exodus 24:15-18 NIV

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Exodus 32:1-6; Exodus 32:19-24; Exodus 34:1-11

Lessons from the story of Moses on the mountain: When you feel most alone, be assured that...

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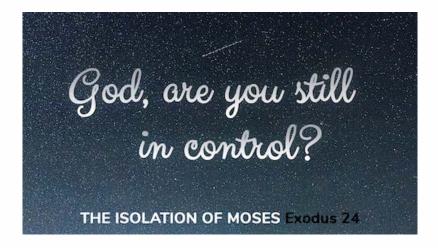
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When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain.

Exodus 32:19

And he took the calf they had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it. He said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?" Exodus 32:20-21 "Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.'

Exodus 32:22-23

So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!"

Exodus 32:24

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The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

Exodus 33:16

And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

Exodus 33:17