

GoDeeper



CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION WITH YOUR SMALL GROUP, FAMILY, OR IN YOUR PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY TIME.

Re-Entry | So you wanna go back to Egypt? | Pastor Steve Wells | 05.31.2020
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Memory Verse: Exodus 20:4-5

"4 You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. 5 You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods."

Read **Exodus Chapter 32** to learn about Moses, Aaron, the golden calf, and the Children of Israel.

Pastor Steve told us this morning, about the Children of Israel and how after only one month of change and isolation they wanted to go back to Egypt—a hard life of slavery they were freed from. We have experienced our own time of isolation and changes to our lives. We often hear "I want things to go back to normal" or "I want to go back to the way things were". The truth is, some of the things we were used to and experiencing were not good and we were a slave to that life. Our "normal" wasn't always good. Many of the things that filled up our lives were not healthy for us and it was good that we were forced into change. We replaced some with better use of our time and others were unhealthy replacements.

- What were some things we(as a whole and/or personally) were slaves to? (Schedules, Jobs, Sports, School, Driving-pick ups/drop offs)
- What are some good things that we are able to do now that we couldn't/didn't before?
- List a few things that have changed for the better?
- List a few things that have changed but for the worse? (Things we should not continue that are unhealthy mentally, physically, and or spiritually)

Like the Children of Israel, a lot of people have felt like they lost what was leading them—whether it was a work schedule, a job, going to Church, or daily routine for the kids—and they looked for this leadership or void to be filled elsewhere. As we have not been able to work or go to school like we did before, we have also not been able to do the extra curricular activities that we used to enjoy. Some of these things were treated like idols in our lives. Some of them have been replaced with family time, or time with God, and others have been replaced with new Idols.

- What is an idol?
- What were typical pre-Covid idols?
- What are some typical new idols?
- What good came out of quarantine/ Covid for you and your family? (More time with spouse, more time with kids, family meals, appreciation for teachers, thankful for a job, learning to cook new things)
- What are the things we need to guard our hearts from when "Things go back to normal"?
- What are the things you learned/gained from this time that you will hold onto? How?