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LESSON 50 EXODUS 32:15-24

In Exodus 32, the scene shifts back to the people as they have grown impatient with the return of Moses from the mountain top. Exodus 32-35:3 describes the breaking of the covenant and subsequent renewal.

1. Vv15-16 focus upon the fact that Moses holds the tablets as he returns to the people. What is the description of the tablets?
 - What might be the significance of including this here?

2. Vv17-18 describe Moses' interaction with Joshua as he probably reunites with him on the way down. What are the two different responses to what they hear?
 - What might be the reasons for the different responses?

3. Vv19-20 describe Moses' initial reactions to actually seeing what the people were doing.
 - What caught his attention?

 - What was his emotional reaction?

 - What was his first physical response?

 - What might these signify?

 - How might the physical location highlight the narrative?

 - What are the first two ways that Moses' deals with the trespass?

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- In light of what we have seen in this chapter thus far, what does that say about how we ought to respond to sin in our midst?
4. Vv21-24 deal with Moses' interaction with Aaron.
- In the latter part of v21, what is the clear accusation against Aaron?
 - What is the question part of the accusation?
 - How do these speak to leadership?
 - Describe Aaron's response in vv22-24 and characterize it. While partially an excuse, what does it acknowledge about the people? How does his description of the making of the calf fit with what has been stated before?
 - What perhaps should we learn about acknowledging and dealing with our our own sin?