

MISTAKES HAVE (AND WILL) BE MADE

I. Check-In

- Check in. How is everyone doing?
- Share with your group some of the ways that you too have seen things succeed only because God wasn't present.

II. Scripture

Moses then turned around and came down the mountain. He carried the two covenant tablets in his hands. The tablets were written on both sides, front and back. The tablets were God's own work. What was written there was God's own writing inscribed on the tablets. When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "It sounds like war in the camp."

But Moses said,

"It isn't the sound of a victory song.

It isn't the sound of a song of defeat.

The sound of party songs is what I hear."

When he got near the camp and saw the bull calf and the dancing, Moses was furious. He hurled the tablets down and shattered them in pieces at the foot of the mountain. He took the calf that they had made and burned it in a fire. Then he ground it down to crushed powder, scattered it on the water, and made the Israelites drink it.

Moses said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you that you led them to commit such a terrible sin?"

Aaron replied, "Don't get angry with me, sir. You know yourself that these people are out of control. They said to me, 'Make us gods who can lead us. As for this man Moses who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we don't have a clue what has happened to him.' So I said to them, 'Whoever has gold, take it off!' So they gave it to me, I threw it into the fire, and out came this bull calf!"

Moses saw that the people were out of control because Aaron had let them get out of control, making them an easy target for their enemies.

Exodus 32:15-25 (CEB)

V. Prayer Requests

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

IV. Challenge

Mistakes have been made all throughout the life of Mid City Church, and yet things worked out just fine. . This weeks challenge is to think about three things **(1)** what mistakes have you made, **(2)** what mistakes have you seen at Mid City Church, and **(3)** did those mistakes eventually help out our church? How?

III. Discussion Questions

- First and foremost, was it Julio's fault or not?!
- Pastor Fernie mentions that "the real test, is not whether or not mistakes will be made, the real test is what you do **when** mistakes are made." What do you think about this argument? Is it possible to avoid mistakes all-together?
- What stood out to you about today's scripture?
- Do you view the stories that were shared in the podcast as mistakes? If you had the opportunity, what would you tell our team about those mistakes?