

# God Delivers



DailyLife  
Five Oaks Church

Week 4: January 21–27, 2017

# *Day 1*

*January 23*



*Pray / Give praise to God for all his provisions.*

IMPATIENT AND NEEDY, we tend to find the fixes to our own problems, working to satisfy our needs. This often leads to the practice of idolatry, a distorted form of worship: the worship of indulgence, success, work, family, relationship, and so forth, the worship of anything else other than God. Impatient for God to act, we, like Israel, act to create our own power and worth. We summon up our own gold and fashion it to create our own golden calves.



*Read / Exodus 32:1–6*



*Reflect / Choose one or more of the following for reflection.*

How have you noticed distorted worship in your life this season?

What are some reasons we create idols, putting other things before God?

How can we turn to God during difficult times rather than turning to idols?

## *Day 2*

*January 24*



*Pray / That God won't let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.*

BOOKS CAN BE full of whimsy. They can be full of drama, surprises, and emotions. Most are full of lessons, themes, and meaning because the author has some underlying purpose for writing the book for his or her audience.

In this passage, our writer Paul recalls the story of Israel as a story of God's purpose: that their disobedience be a message passed down as a warning and as a source of hope.

God's Word is the book of greatest meaning and purpose, and the words must be taken to heart in building our relationships with God by learning from the author of life.



*Read / 1 Corinthians 10:1–13*



*Reflect / Choose one or more of the following for reflection.*

What can you take from this story as a lesson to apply to daily living?

How does your interaction with God's Word affect your choices?

What stories has God written in your own life that you can share as a source of hope to others?

# *Day 3*

*January 25*



*Pray / For strength to obey and repent from wrongdoing.*

OUR GOD IS a God of lordship and love. He has created us to live freely because He loves us. As a father loves his children, the Lord loves his people. A father rejoices when his children obey him and shows grief when they disobey. The Lord shares with Moses that he is disappointed with Israel for their stubbornness. He desires to make an example of them, giving them the punishment they deserve for being rebellious children.



*Read / Exodus 32:7–10*



*Reflect / Choose one or more of the following for reflection.*

What goes through your mind when you know you've wronged someone?

How do our rebellious tendencies effect our relationships with others and with God?

How can we use our freedom to honor God's lordship and love?

*Day 4*  
*January 26*



*Pray / Give thanks to God for his sovereignty in all things.*

WE EXPERIENCE BLESSINGS each day. The opportunity to wake and witness creation in itself is a blessing. The people around us, both loved ones and strangers, have the ability to bless us. We, too, can be a blessing to others. Moses knew of the promise God had made to his people, and he knew of God's character. He stepped in boldly when the opportunity arose to speak to God for the sake of his community and people.

By understanding the heart needs of others and the faithfulness of God, Moses was part of a blessing of love and grace.



*Read / Exodus 32:11–14*





*Reflect / Choose one or more of the following for reflection.*

How does understanding God's character affect your relationship with God? How does it affect your daily life?

How does Moses' example inspire you and your prayer life?

How can you be faithful and intervene in the world's mess around you through prayer?

# Day 5

January 27



*Pray / Praise God for acting through his son, Jesus Christ.*

TODAY'S PASSAGE FROM the Psalms recalls this ridiculous yet beautiful story of Israel's acts of idolatry. Verse 20 reads, "They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass." They exchanged holiness and wonder and love not even for a real, live, mooing cow but for an image of a cow that just eats grass. Look at the ridiculousness of this scene.

And how is this chaos resolved? Moses, God's chosen leader, stands for his ridiculous people, asking the Lord to demonstrate his love and mercy for the people he has promised to bless.

We needed and will forever need a savior to stand in for our ridiculousness. As we choose to obey and receive grace, we allow Christ's saving love to act in our own lives.



*Read / Psalm 106:19–23*



*Reflect / Choose one or more of the following for reflection.*

What ridiculous scenarios have you found yourself in when you needed Christ's saving?

If you find yourself on the brink of disaster, what do you need to ask of God? If you have a relationship with God, how can you respond after reflecting on your current circumstances? If you are not yet a follower of Christ, know that God loves you fully and has a desire for your heart and your life. Reflect on what this may mean to you.

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