



Blame

Stiff-Necked week 5

Exodus 32:21-24

The Blame Game will keep us in the Sin Game

[That's a game we should want to and need to QUIT]

Exodus 32:21-24

And Moses said to Aaron, "What did this people do to you that you have brought such a great sin upon them?" 22And Aaron said, "Let not the anger of my lord burn hot. You know the people, that they are set on evil. 23For they said to me, 'Make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' 24So I said to them, 'Let any who have gold take it off.' So they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf."

We see in verses 21-22 that Moses confronts his brother Aaron because he had left Aaron in charge, so his questioning Aaron was fair. Aaron was the spiritual leader, and things rise and fall on leadership. Aaron failed the test of being a people pleaser leader. Aaron should have immediately repented and help Moses lead the people to repentance, but he didn't. He failed just like the first "A" Adam had failed in the garden.

Then verse 23 reveals that Aaron, essentially, shifts blame again by saying he or she made me do it. You would think at this point things would start to be clear for Aaron, and what the problem is, but he is so caught up on himself and NOT admitting his own sin that he begins to sound a little crazy. Not admitting when we sin will lead us to eventually look really bad and even insane. Aaron actually says he threw their gold into a fire and a calf just magically pops out, he is blaming the fire now... He is blaming his circumstances and environment for his sin.

Quit Blaming and Start Confessing:

1st: Own It

How do we practically go about “owning” our sin?

Psalm 51:4

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

2nd: Repent of It

What does it really mean to “Repent” of sin?

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

1 John 1:9-10

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Imagine This...

Imagine if we began to agree with God about ourselves and moved forward living surrendered to Him and His ways

Life Application & Action Question...

- **What did the Holy Spirit say to you?**
- **What are you going to do about it?**
- **How can we help you and pray for you?**