

**LIFE NOTES**  
*Sunday, September 4, 2011*  
**Grind them up...**

Disobedience and poor choices lead to some serious consequences...

**Exodus 20:3**

<sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before me."

**Matthew 22:37**

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

**Exodus 32:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." <sup>2</sup> Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." <sup>3</sup> So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup> He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." <sup>5</sup> When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD." <sup>6</sup> So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

...and yet not even a month after their leader is gone, they are just standing there, and they don't know what to do.

There will be times where you're not feeling God.

**Exodus 32:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. <sup>8</sup> They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' <sup>9</sup> "I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. <sup>10</sup> Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."

**Exodus 32:19-20**

*<sup>19</sup> When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. <sup>20</sup> And he took the calf they had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.*

We are spending money we don't even have on things we don't even need to impress people we don't even like.

America is bowing down to the golden calf on a regular basis.

Ralph Waldo Emerson says this..."A person will worship something, have no doubt about that. That which dominates our imaginations and our thoughts will determine our lives."

"Therefore it behooves us to be careful what we worship...For what we are worshipping, we are becoming."

**1 John 2:15-17**

*<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup> The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.*