

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

If you could avoid one household chore for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Read Exodus 32

1. Think of a time when you were involved in a confrontation and it went well and a time when it didn't go well: what were the differences between the two moments?
2. Describe a time when you felt pressured to compromise God's truth to avoid a confrontation. How did that choice help, or did it ultimately make a bigger mess of the situation? How did your choice impact you and your relationship with God?
3. Read **Exodus 32:7-13**. God seeks to shape Moses by confronting him with an opportunity to take the easy road while building his own reputation. But Moses instead pursues God's heart through what he believes to be the best outcome for God's reputation. How has God used confrontation in your life to shape you and draw you closer to His heart?
4. Pastor Tom said, "Confrontation means being willing to risk unpopularity." If this is true, why is obedience to God worth the effort, the risk, the sacrifice?
5. Read **Exodus 32:30-32**. Why do you think a grace-dominated person makes for a good peacemaker?

PERSONAL GUIDE

This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.

Day One: Luke 22; Psalm 5

Day Two: Deuteronomy 2; Proverbs 31

Day Three: Hebrews 12; 1 Corinthians 4

Day Four: James 3; Ezekiel 32

Day Five: Job 31; Acts 15



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Milestones - Part 3

“Confrontation”

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Note **Acts 15:21**

Even though we don't like/try to avoid conflict/confrontation, we all have to _____ with it at times.

What is important for us to know and understand about _____ confrontation?

1. Compromising _____ Only Complicates Confrontation

Note **Exodus 32:1, 2-4; 20:2-6**

Under _____, Aaron tried to compromise his way out of confrontation.

His attempt to _____ some level of spiritual commitment was a total failure (note **Exodus 32:5-6**).

Some conflicts can be softened or even avoided by _____ compromise...

...but compromising God's _____ truths always creates a mess.

2. _____ Will Sometimes Confront Us

One definition of *confrontation* = _____ challenge.

Note **Exodus 32:7-10**

God told Moses the truth (i.e., the people of Israel had sinned/rebelled and only _____ God's righteous judgment).

God offered Moses the opportunity to be the new _____ (founder of a nation).

Note **Exodus 2:13-14; 32:11-14**

In the Bible, it is always clear that God's promises and warnings are always conditional on man's response...We are not to think of Moses as _____ God's purpose towards Israel by this prayer, but carrying it out: Moses was never more like God than in such moments, for he shared God's mind and _____ purpose. (Cole)

3. Confrontation Takes _____

Note **Exodus 32:15-24, 26**

Note **Deuteronomy 33:9**

Confrontation means being willing to risk _____.

4. Confrontation Takes _____

_____ confrontation happens when people's lives are dominated by grace.

Note **Exodus 32:30-31**

Moses offered his life as a _____ (note **Exodus 32:32**).

This is one of the reasons Moses was a _____ of Christ (i.e., a representative who illustrated what Jesus would do)...

...because Jesus, who is *the Great _____*, offered Himself on the cross to make atonement for His people. (Youngblood)

Conflict is best _____ by people who are grace-inspired, grace-filled, and grace-dominated.

MILESTONES MATTER:

- Confrontation is _____ business.
- God confronts us with grace to help us see His _____.
- Am I compromising God's clear truth?
- What part of my character is God pointing out to me?
- Is God's grace alive and active in my life and relationships?

Tell us about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!

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What is important for us to know and understand about navigating confrontation?

1. Compromising Truth Only Complicates Confrontation

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Under pressure, Aaron tried to compromise his way out of confrontation. His attempt to salvage some level of spiritual commitment was a total failure (note **Exodus 32:5-6**).

Some conflicts can be softened or even avoided by healthy compromise...
...but compromising God's clear truths always creates a mess.

2. God Will Sometimes Confront Us

One definition of *confrontation* = bold challenge.

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God told Moses the truth (i.e., the people of Israel had sinned/rebelled and only deserved God's righteous judgment).

God offered Moses the opportunity to be the new Abraham (founder of a nation).

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3. Confrontation Takes Courage

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Note **Deuteronomy 33:9**

Confrontation means being willing to risk unpopularity.

4. Confrontation Takes Grace

Effective confrontation happens when people's lives are dominated by grace.

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Moses offered his life as a sacrifice (note **Exodus 32:32**).

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Conflict is best navigated by people who are grace-inspired, grace-filled, and grace-dominated.

MILESTONES MATTER:

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