

## Reset – A 40 Day Media Fast

Week Four: Allegiance and Compromise      March 27-April 2, 2022

### Day 1: Read Exodus 32:1-10

The Israelites had seen God work for them several times, yet they could not wait 40 days (see Exodus 24:18) for Moses to come down from the mountain. What are some of the gods people make today, and how are they worshiped? Which tempt you?

Reflect on: Exodus 32:4, “He took this from their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool and made it into a molten calf; and they said, ‘This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.’”

### Day 2: Read 1 Kings 11:1-11

Solomon began his reign with humility and had two appearances from God (3:5-14; 9:1-9). Despite this, what happened? What are some of the things Satan tries to use to tempt you away from God?

Reflect on: 1 Kings 11:4, “For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been.”

### Day 3: Read John 12:42-50

John reveals a surprising group that were believing in Jesus, except they couldn’t give up the approval of men. What warning did Jesus give? Are you ever in any situations where you feel the same struggle as those John wrote about?

Reflect on: John 12:42–43, “Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup> for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.”

### Day 4: Read Mark 8:34-37

How would you explain denying yourself, and taking up your cross? Are you sometimes tempted to be ashamed of Jesus and/or His words?

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