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THE LORD SPOKE TO MOSES: "HURRY UP AND GO DOWN! YOUR PEOPLE, WHOM YOU BROUGHT UP OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, ARE RUINING EVERYTHING!8 THEY'VE ALREADY ABANDONED THE PATH THAT I COMMANDED. THEY HAVE MADE A METAL BULL CALF FOR THEMSELVES. THEY'VE BOWED DOWN TO IT AND OFFERED SACRIFICES TO IT AND DECLARED, 'THESE ARE YOUR GODS, ISRAEL, WHO BROUGHT YOU UP OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT!'" 9 THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, "I'VE BEEN WATCHING THESE PEOPLE, AND I'VE SEEN HOW STUBBORN THEY ARE. 10 NOW LEAVE ME ALONE! LET MY FURY BURN AND DEVOUR THEM. THEN I'LL MAKE A GREAT NATION OUT OF YOU."

11 BUT MOSES PLEADED WITH THE LORD HIS GOD, "LORD, WHY DOES YOUR FURY BURN AGAINST YOUR OWN PEOPLE, WHOM YOU BROUGHT OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT WITH GREAT POWER AND AMAZING FORCE? 12 WHY SHOULD THE EGYPTIANS SAY, 'HE HAD AN EVIL PLAN TO TAKE THE PEOPLE OUT AND KILL THEM IN THE MOUNTAINS AND SO WIPE THEM OFF THE EARTH'? CALM DOWN YOUR FIERCE ANGER. CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT DOING TERRIBLE THINGS TO YOUR OWN PEOPLE. 13 REMEMBER ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND ISRAEL, YOUR SERVANTS, WHOM YOU YOURSELF PROMISED, 'I'LL MAKE YOUR DESCENDANTS AS MANY AS THE STARS IN THE SKY. AND I'VE PROMISED TO GIVE YOUR DESCENDANTS THIS WHOLE LAND TO POSSESS FOR ALL TIME.'" 14 THEN THE LORD CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT THE TERRIBLE THINGS HE SAID HE WOULD DO TO HIS PEOPLE.



GETTING STARTED

Welcome each other. If anyone is missing from the group, inquire about them. if indicated, follow-up with a phone call or prayer or whatever is appropriate..

Inquire as to how the week has been.

Anyone with recent life experiences concerning second guessing? Were insights from last week's sermon helpful? Why or why not?



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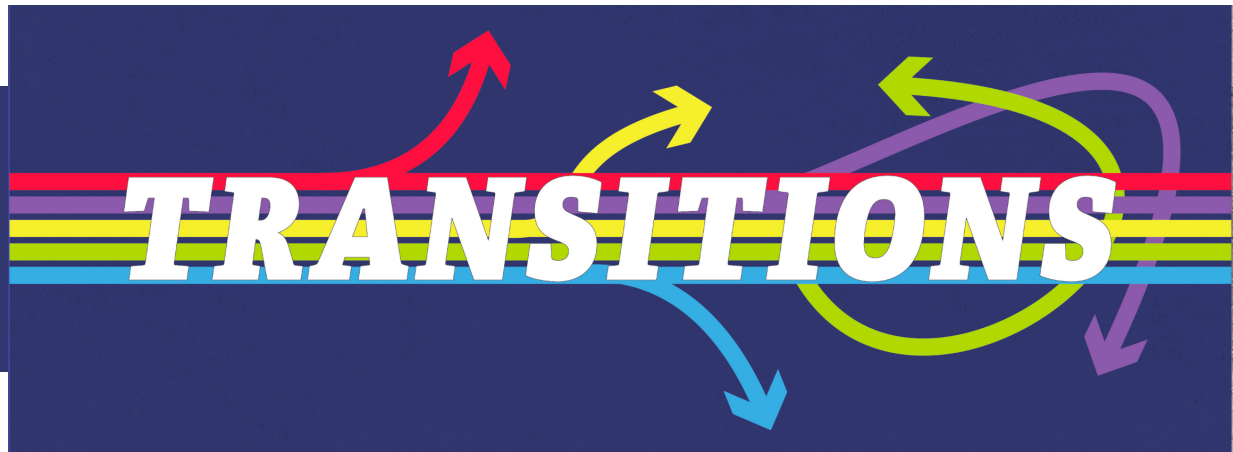
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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- *HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE PERSEVERANCE FROM YOUR OWN LIFE EXPERIENCE? WHAT MOTIVATED YOU? HOW DOES SECOND GUESSING FIT INTO YOUR DECISION-MAKING?*
- *HOW IS THE "NEUTRAL ZONE" HAZARDOUS TO PERSEVERANCE? WHAT DO THE ISRAELITES' CHOICES TEACH US?*
- *WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR TYPICAL REACTIONS TO UNEXPECTED EVENTS OR MISTAKES DURING TRANSITIONS? HOW MIGHT WE COUNTER FEELINGS OF BEING OVERWHELMED?*
- *GIVE AN EXAMPLE OR TWO OF HOW A HARD CHOICE CAN ALSO BE A RIGHT CHOICE. WHAT GIVES YOU HOPE?*



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