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Waiting on the Road Trip  
Exodus 24:12-18, 32:1-8

What is your favorite game to play on a road trip?

How to play the waiting game well:

**I. Trust \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_**

Exodus 24:12-18 *The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction." 13 Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. 14 He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them." 15 When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, 16 and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. 17 To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. 18 Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.*

- Tabernacle –

**II. Be \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_**

Exodus 32:1-4 *When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us a god 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." 2 Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." 3*

*So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. 4 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, "This is your god, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."*

- The Israelites' Intention:
- How did Aaron become selectively faithful?

**III. Give \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_**

Exodus 32:5-8 *When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord." 6 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. 7 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. 8 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, 'This is your god, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'*

- Why a bull?
  - Canaanite symbol –
  - Means of controlling \_\_\_\_\_

**Point:**

**Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!**

1. In what area of life do you currently find yourself playing the waiting game? What emotions are you experiencing as you wait?
2. Have you ever wondered if God has forgotten you? How does knowing that God is at work behind the scenes affect how you wait and what you do as you wait?
3. Have you ever "followed your heart" yet made a bad decision? In what ways are you tempted to determine your own standard and limit the times, places, and extent you'll follow Christ?
4. In what ways do you try to control or manipulate God? What would it look like for you to give God control as you wait?
5. What might God want to do in, to, and through you as you wait?



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