



### ***Delayed Reactions***

**Exodus: The Way In | Responding to Divine Delays with Prayerful Trust  
Exodus 32-34 | June 14th - 20th, 2015**

**Warm Up:** We all go through transitions and they always seem to come with positive and negative emotions attached. Transitions can be helpful but they can also be painful as they test our strength and stretch our souls. Share about a significant time of transition in your life (perhaps it's taking place now). What was your experience like during this transition? How did you get through it? As you reflect back, how did God meet you and what did you learn from Him through it?

- ❖ Our natural reaction to these times is to try and rush through; to get out of them as quickly as possible. On Sunday, however, we were encouraged toward another path: to stay in them and let God use them to do a work in our hearts and lives.
  - In the midst of transition and trial we often ask the Lord, “why?” Usually, the better question is, “what...what Lord do you want me to get out of this season?” Can you think of reasons why the Lord may be more interested in us asking him, “what” versus, “why”?
- ❖ Read the following verses aloud: **Psalm 27:14; 25:5; Micah 7:7, Lamentations 3:25**
  - What picture do these verses paint as to **how** we are instructed to wait? Identify the qualities involved in waiting on the Lord.
- ❖ Read the following verses: **James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:6-9, 5:10, Romans 12:2, Philippians 4:6-7**
  - What do these verses say about **the attitude** we are to have during these times? What do you see as God's purpose for His children?
- ❖ Less than 40 days had transpired between the events recorded in **Exodus 24:3-11** and **Exodus 32:1-6**. Briefly look at and summarize these two sections of Scripture.
  - What happened to the people in the waiting?
  - What lessons can we learn from these two accounts?

**Wrap Up:** Read **Hebrews 7:23-27**. Moses is a beautiful picture of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His work today as our intercessor. We have a High Priest who lives to make intercession for His children. If you daily, truly, believed this how would this change your prayer life? Have you found yourself thinking or relating to God as a "sovereign machine" that is far off and uninvolved with your life? Pastor George challenged us to pursue God in prayer during these times of transition or delay and to trust Him as a Faithful Father, Influential Friend, and Caring King! Close your time in prayer focusing on these three descriptions.