



## Exodus Study Questions

### Week 11

It has been said that “Time makes fools of us all.”<sup>1</sup> If true, how much more does *impatience* make fools of us all?! People lose their minds when impatient. The impatient speak harshly, act recklessly, and rationalize thoughtlessly. Often, they even live regretfully. This week, Exodus shows us how impatience toward God can become a catalyst to massive unfaithfulness. When unchecked, impatience undercuts our faith, making fools of us all.

**Main Text:** Exodus 32:1-35

#### Connect

1. What are some common examples of impatience in our everyday lives?
2. On a scale of 1 (perfectly impatient) to 10 (perfectly patient), how would you rate yourself?
3. What did you find most significant from this week’s sermon?

#### Understand

1. Read chapter 32, verses 1-6. What circumstances led to the events in these verses?
2. Notice Aaron’s words and actions in these verses (especially v. 5). How are they inconsistent or even contradictory?
3. Read verses 7-14. What do they reveal about God in terms of His omniscience and character?
4. Read the remainder of the chapter. How would you describe or contrast the responses of Moses and Aaron to what happened?
5. What words or labels would you use to describe the people’s sin, and what were the consequences of it?

#### Apply

1. What other emotions accompany impatience when we feel like we're waiting on God to act or speak? How do these pose challenges to our faith?
2. In what ways do people (like us!) foolishly try to take matters into their own hands when God seems to be absent or slow in responding to our requests?
3. Christian faith is inherently one of anticipation of God's fulfillment of His promises... meaning, we have to wait on God. How can we encourage each other to faithful waiting in the meantime?
4. In addition to waiting for the return of Christ, is there something more specific that you are waiting on God for? Take time to pray together, asking the Lord to help you wait faithfully.
5. Read Romans 8:18-25 and Titus 2:11-14. What do these passages reveal about what it means for us to wait as Christ-followers? Think both in terms of what we're waiting for and how we should live as we wait.

Notes:

1. This is part of quote attributed (according to the internet!) to mathematician E. T. Bell.