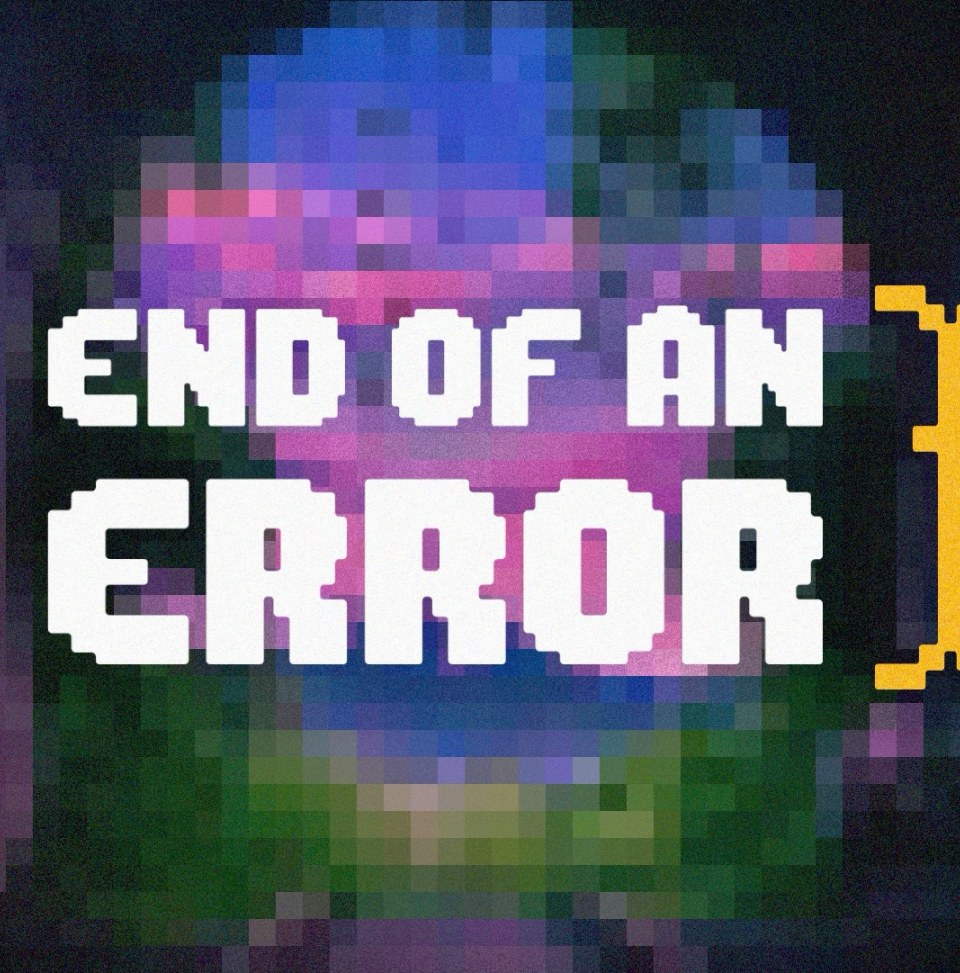


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3 types of voices that haunt us:

THE VOICE OF
INSIGNIFICANCE

THE VOICE OF
INADEQUACY

THE VOICE OF
INSULTS

EXODUS 32



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His ultimate goal was to
shape them as **His holy nation**.

Exodus 19:5-6 (NLT)

⁵ Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special **treasure** from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me. ⁶ And **you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation.**'...

Exodus 24:3 (NLT)

³ ...All the people answered with one voice,
“We will do everything the Lord has
commanded.”



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Exodus 32:1-11 (NLT)

¹ When the people saw how long it was taking Moses to come back down the mountain, they gathered around Aaron. “Come on,” they said, “make us some gods who can lead us. We don’t know what happened to this fellow Moses, who brought us here from the land of Egypt.”

Exodus 32:1-11 (NLT)

² So Aaron said, “Take the gold rings from the ears of your wives and sons and daughters, and bring them to me.” ³ All the people took the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron.

Exodus 32:1-11 (NLT)

⁴ Then Aaron took the gold, melted it down, and molded it into the shape of a calf. When the people saw it, they exclaimed, “O Israel, these are the gods who brought you out of the land of Egypt!” ⁵ Aaron saw how excited the people were, so he built an altar in front of the calf. Then he announced, “Tomorrow will be a festival to the Lord!”

Exodus 32:1-11 (NLT)

⁶ The people got up early the next morning to sacrifice burnt offerings and peace offerings. After this, they celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry.

⁷ The Lord told Moses, “Quick! Go down the mountain! Your people whom you brought from the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.

Exodus 32:1-11 (NLT)

⁸ How quickly they have turned away from the way I commanded them to live! They have melted down gold and made a calf, and they have bowed down and sacrificed to it. They are saying, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.'" ⁹ Then the Lord said, "I have seen how stubborn and rebellious these people are.

Exodus 32:1-11 (NLT)

¹⁰ Now leave me alone so my fierce anger can blaze against them, and I will destroy them. Then I will make you, Moses, into a great nation.” ¹¹ But Moses tried to pacify the Lord his God...

Exodus 32:14 (NLT)

¹⁴ So **the Lord changed his mind** about the terrible disaster he had threatened to bring on his people.

Exodus 32:19-25 (NLT)

¹⁹ When they came near the camp, Moses saw the calf and the dancing, and he burned with anger. He threw the stone tablets to the ground, smashing them at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰ He took the calf they had made and burned it. Then he ground it into powder, threw it into the water, and forced the people to drink it.

Exodus 32:19-25 (NLT)

²¹ Finally, he turned to Aaron and demanded, "What did these people do to you to make you bring such terrible sin upon them?" ²² "Don't get so upset, my lord," Aaron replied. "You yourself know how evil these people are."

Exodus 32:19-25 (NLT)

²³ They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will lead us. We don’t know what happened to this fellow Moses, who brought us here from the land of Egypt.’ ²⁴ So I told them, ‘Whoever has gold jewelry, take it off.’ When they brought it to me, I simply threw it into the fire—and out came this calf!”

Exodus 32:19-25 (NLT)

²⁵ Moses saw that Aaron had let the people get completely out of control, much to the amusement of their enemies.





**PRESSURED
TO PLEASE**



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Aaron's failure didn't
define his future.

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We need to...

**REMEMBER
WHO WE SERVE**

Exodus 32:1 (NLT)

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Exodus 32:2-4 (NLT)

² So Aaron said, “Take the gold rings from the ears of your wives and sons and daughters, and bring them to me.” ³ All the people took the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ Then Aaron took the gold, melted it down, and molded it into the shape of a calf. When the people saw it, they exclaimed, “**O Israel, these are the gods who brought you out of the land of Egypt!**”

When we forget who we serve,
we end up living for the approval of others,
and fearing men more than God.

Proverbs 29:25 (NIV)

²⁵ Fear of man will prove to be a **snare**, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.



The fear of God is honouring Him
above everyone else.

Every time you choose **obedience**
towards God over being liked by people,
you will find **true freedom** in God.

Galatians 1:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God?...If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a **servant of Christ**.

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Exodus 32:4 (NLT)

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Exodus 32:5 (NLT)

⁵ Aaron saw how excited the people were, so he built an altar in front of the calf. Then he announced, “Tomorrow will be a festival to the **Lord!**”

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YAHWEH, THE TRUE GOD OF ISRAEL.

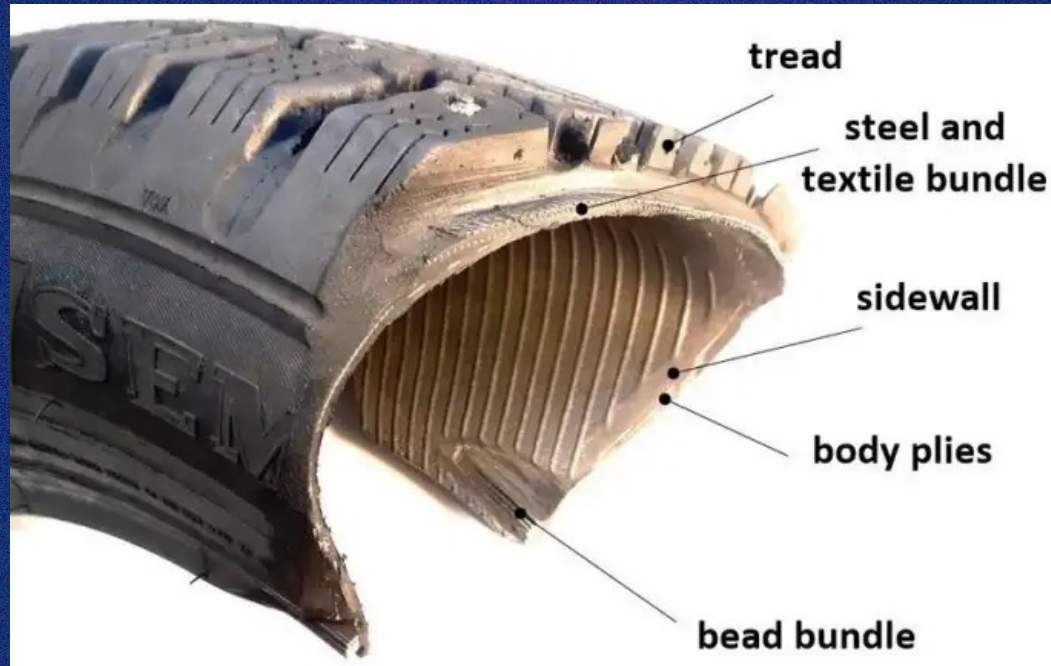
Compromise is not blatant disobedience,
but making God's ways fit our desires.

Are there **compromises** in your life
that do not please God?

Compromise might feel **easier** in the moment, but it slowly **waters down** our faith and convictions.



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Romans 12:2 (NLT)

² Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God **transform you into a new person** by changing the way you think...

We all want the promises of God
in our lives, but what God wants is for
us to be formed into His people.

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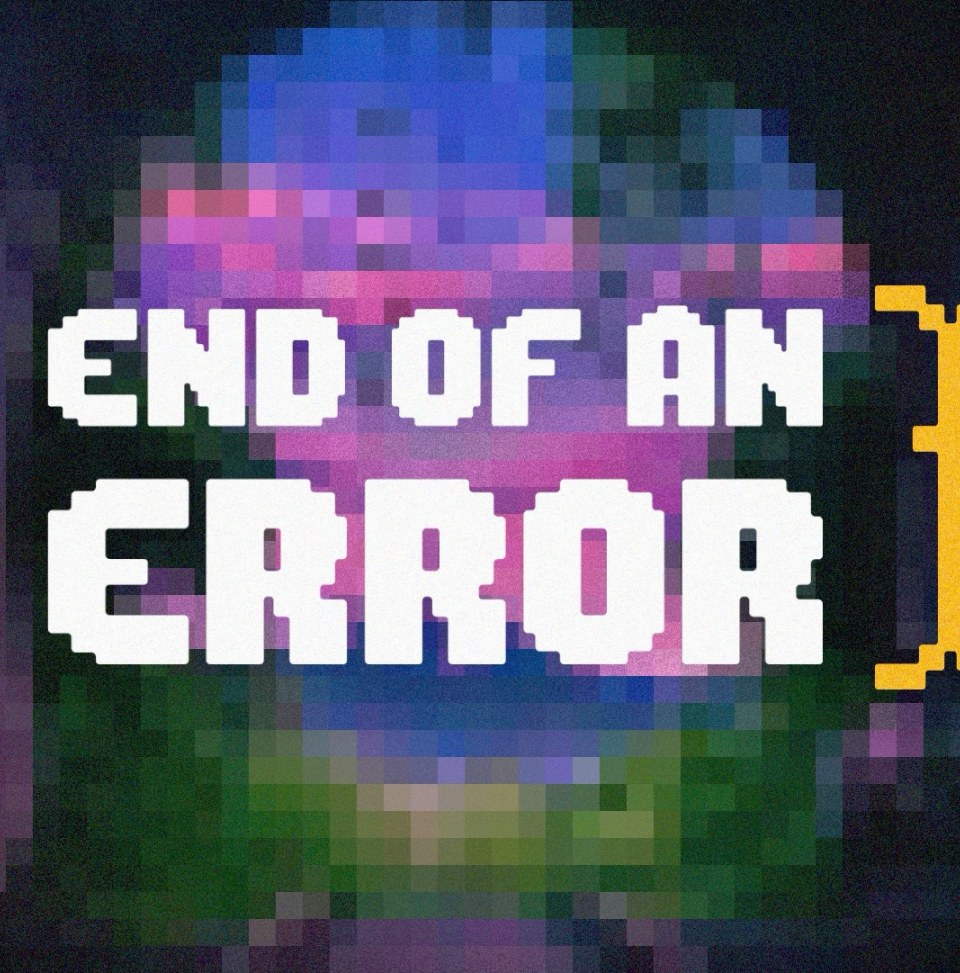
Exodus 32:22-24 (NLT)

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God's grace is greater than your
greatest mistake, your greatest failure,
and your greatest regret.

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

⁹ If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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