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**Exodus 32:19-31 New International Version (NIV)**

When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. And he took the calf the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

He said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?"

"Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. They said to me, 'Make us gods 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.' So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!"

Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever is for the Lord, come to me." And all the Levites rallied to him.

Then he said to them, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.'" The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died.

Then Moses said, "You have been set apart to the Lord today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day."

The next day Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."

So Moses went back to the Lord and said, "Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold.

**Acts 2:38-47 New International Version (NIV)**

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

**Genesis 37-38 - Judah**

"Neither revolution nor revelation can ultimately change a society, rather you must tell a new and powerful tale. One so persuasive that it sweeps away the old myths and becomes the preferred story. One so inclusive that it gathers all the bits of our past and our present into a coherent whole. One that even shines some light into the future so that one can take the next step... If you want to change a society, then you have to tell an alternative story."

-- Ivan Illich, Austrian philosopher

**IMPLICATIONS:**

1. No matter how far you have gone, God wants to redeem your story.
2. There is no story that is not worth redeeming. You have not gone so far that the love of God can't give your story value.
3. The church must be defined by the same passions that God has.
4. We are in the changed lives business. The testimony of God moving among His people is story worth telling again and again.

**NOW THAT'S  
A GOOD  
STORY!**



## WELCOME TO SOUTHEAST

Welcome to Southeast Christian Church. We are a church full of people who are either growing in our faith or are just beginning to ask questions about God. Our desire is to start, grow, and love together as a community of imperfect people.

If you have a prayer request or any questions about Southeast, you can fill out the card in the seatback, request info on the Southeast app, or talk to someone at a Guest Services desk.

## GET CONNECTED

God created us for community. If you are interested in joining a serving team, participating in a small group, or getting information about an upcoming event, please go to the Connections Studio located just inside the main entrance. This resource is available to you on Sunday mornings before, during, and after the services. You may also send an email to [connect@southeastcc.org](mailto:connect@southeastcc.org), so the Connections Team can help you find your place at Southeast.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit the website or stop by the Connections Studio in the lobby for more information.

**Weekly Support Groups**  
[southeastcc.org/support-groups](http://southeastcc.org/support-groups)

**July 10 | Youth: City Youth Group**  
[southeastcc.org/adults55](http://southeastcc.org/adults55)

**July 14 | Adults 55+: Summer Extravaganza**  
[southeastcc.org/adults55](http://southeastcc.org/adults55)

**July 20 | Men: Monthly Breakfast**  
[southeastcc.org/men](http://southeastcc.org/men)

**August 2 | 4th & 5th Grade: FOB**  
[southeastcc.org/family](http://southeastcc.org/family)

**August 8-9 | Global Leadership Summit (GLS)**  
[southeastcc.org/gls2019](http://southeastcc.org/gls2019)

**August 11 | Elementary Kids: Baptism Class**  
[southeastcc.org/family](http://southeastcc.org/family)

**August 16-18 | Women: Be Still, So That..Retreat**  
[southeastcc.org/women](http://southeastcc.org/women)

**August 28 | Worship: Choir Newbie Night**  
[southeastcc.org/worship](http://southeastcc.org/worship)

**September 8 | Infants: Baby Dedicaton Class**  
[southeastcc.org/family](http://southeastcc.org/family)

**November 3-11 | Missions Trip: Romania**  
[southeastcc.org/missions](http://southeastcc.org/missions)

## NOTES: REDEEMING EVERY STORY

**Redeem:** *ga'al*

### Exodus 6:6-8 English Standard Version (ESV)

Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. I am the Lord.'"

### GOD WANTS TO REDEEM EVERY STORY!

### Matthew 18:21-35 New International Version (NIV)

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

"His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

"But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

### Genesis 4:17-24 New International Version (NIV)

Cain made love to his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch. To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad was the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael was the father of Methushael, and Methushael was the father of Lamech.

Lamech married two women, one named Adah and the other Zillah. Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock. His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play stringed instruments and pipes. Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron. Tubal-Cain's sister was Naamah.

Lamech said to his wives,

"Adah and Zillah, listen to me;

wives of Lamech, hear my words.

I have killed a man for wounding me,

a young man for injuring me.

If Cain is avenged seven times,

then Lamech seventy-seven times."