



# Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



## Episode 034: How Did That God Slip Through? ([Exodus 32](#))

Of course, none of the Egyptian gods really existed, God proved that by smashing the false confidence of the Egyptians through the plagues. Strangely, the Israelites weren't so convinced and found it difficult to leave behind those old, false gods of Egypt.

- We all have false gods in which we put our confidence (money, possessions, health, friends, skills, strengths, talents, popularity, etc.). How has God tried to smash your false confidence in these things?
- Which of these gods have you found difficult to leave behind?

In God's fury He was ready to annihilate the Israelites and begin again with Moses. God feels that same wrath and jealousy every time we sin, no matter how large or small the transgression, especially when we place our confidence in one of our false gods. Think of a time when you felt terrible fear of God's wrath for a sin you committed.

- How did you deal with that guilt and fear?
- If God considers every sin the same, why do you think we so seldom feel that level of guilt and fear?

While Moses was on the mountain mediating between God and Israel, the Israelites were down at the bottom sinning away. They were totally unaware Moses was the only thing standing between them and instant, eternal punishment in hell.

- Describe how we are like those Israelites today.
- Discuss how Moses pleading for Israel foreshadowed Jesus' words from the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34b).
- Consider the terrible price Jesus had to pay to be able to turn God's wrath away from each of us.