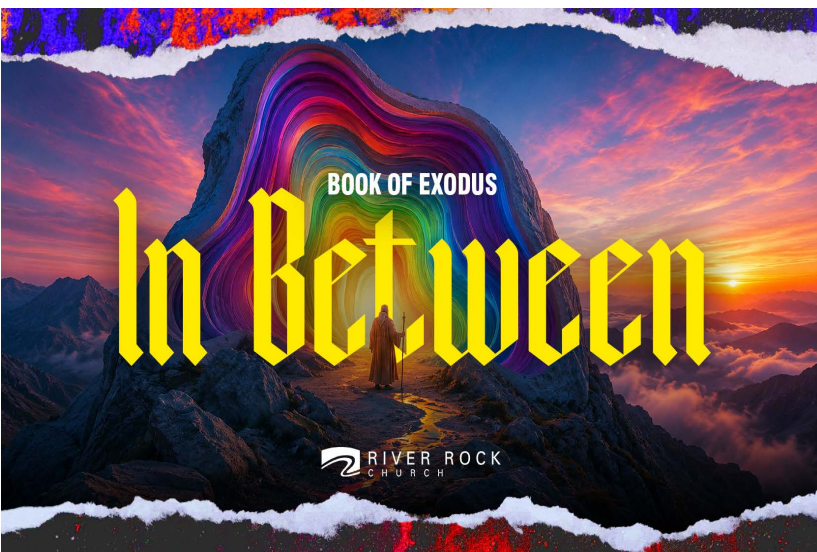


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NEXT STEPS



Exodus Series "The In Between"

Exodus 32:1-14

Questions to *Dig Deeper*:

1. Bill framed the Golden Calf incident as a failure during a season of waiting. When you find yourself in an "in-between" period—waiting on news, a life transition, or an unanswered prayer—how do you typically handle the delay?
2. Sin often involves trying to satisfy a legitimate need (like wanting assurance of God's presence) in an illegitimate way. In what areas of life are you most tempted to manufacture your own quick fixes or security instead of trusting God?
3. The Israelites traded the living God for a man-made statue that provided quick, temporary relief. What modern "substitutes" (e.g., retail therapy, overworking, staying constantly busy) do you tend to run to when you need comfort or control?
4. When feeling uncertain, the Israelites reverted to Egyptian habits by crafting a physical idol. What cultural pressures or expectations around you (in parenting, career, politics, or lifestyle) feel the hardest to resist going along with?
5. What is one practical habit or mindset shift that can help you maintain focus on God's character and past faithfulness when He feels distant or slow to act?