

**SERMON NOTES**  
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**Follow the Leader**  
Exodus 32:7-14

Our need for leadership  
A story of Moses, a type of Christ

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Exodus 24:3b "All the words which the Lord has spoken we will do!"

Romans 7:19 "For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want."

**A LEADER LEAVES** (24:12)

"It is to your advantage that I go away." --Jesus (John 17:19)  
After the Ascension (Acts 1)

**A LEADER LOVES** (v. 10)

"For their sake I sanctify myself." --Jesus (John 17:19)

**A LEADER LABORS** (v. 11-14)

James 5:16 "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."

**A LEADER LOSES** (privilege, friends, supporters) – v. 26

"Who is on the Lord's side?"

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Are we obligated?

<sup>7</sup>Then the Lord spoke to Moses, "Go down at once, for your people, whom you brought up from the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. <sup>8</sup>They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them. They have made for themselves a molten calf, and have worshiped it and have sacrificed to it and said, 'This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!'" <sup>9</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, they are an obstinate people. <sup>10</sup>Now then let Me alone, that My anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them; and I will make of you a great nation."  
<sup>11</sup>Then Moses entreated the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does Your anger burn against Your people whom You have brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians speak, saying, 'With evil intent He brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to destroy them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Your burning anger and change Your mind about doing harm to Your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants to whom You swore by Yourself, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heavens, and all this land of which I have spoken I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" <sup>14</sup>So the Lord changed His mind about the harm which He said He would do to His people.