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*Even though we don't see God, we are to trust him.*

*God wants us to know him and trust him. That's what keeps coming through in these chapters in Exodus. And the penalty for ignoring him when he reaches out to us is severe. Yet, we are given many chances to respond to his offer of himself.*

Scripture: **Exodus 31–32**

Based On: **The Bible studies "Developing a Passion for God" and "Must Reading for Revolutionary Thinkers: The Book of Exodus for Today's Mind,"** by Dave DeLuca



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### Part 1 Identify the Issue

Faith is central to all of life, whether you realize it or not. You go to a doctor whose degree you've never verified. He gives you a prescription you can't read. You take it to a pharmacist you have never seen before. He gives you a chemical compound you do not understand. Then you go home and take the pill according to the instructions on the bottle.

### Part 2 Discover the Eternal Principles

**Teaching Point One: God wants us to trust him.**

**Teaching Point Two: God reveals the importance of the Sabbath as a way to demonstrate trust in his covenant with Israel.**

**Teaching Point Three: God wants us to trust him, the unseen God, not just what we can see.**

**[Q]** Out of all the things the Israelites did wrong, which ones do you struggle with most? Why?

- Failure to recognize God's provision
- Acting on what is seen rather than on God's promises
- Trusting a person rather than God
- Making demands rather than waiting on God's resources
- Confusing strong desire to do something with faith
- Rationalizing and blaming others

### Part 3 Apply Your Findings

We all want our own way. As someone wise said, "About half our troubles come from wanting our way ... the other half comes from being allowed to have it!" But it doesn't have to be that way. We can trust God's way instead.

**Action Point: On your own this week, jot down what you learn about God from Exodus 31–32. Then take time to praise him for those attributes.**

—Study by Dave DeLuca, with JoHannah Reardon

