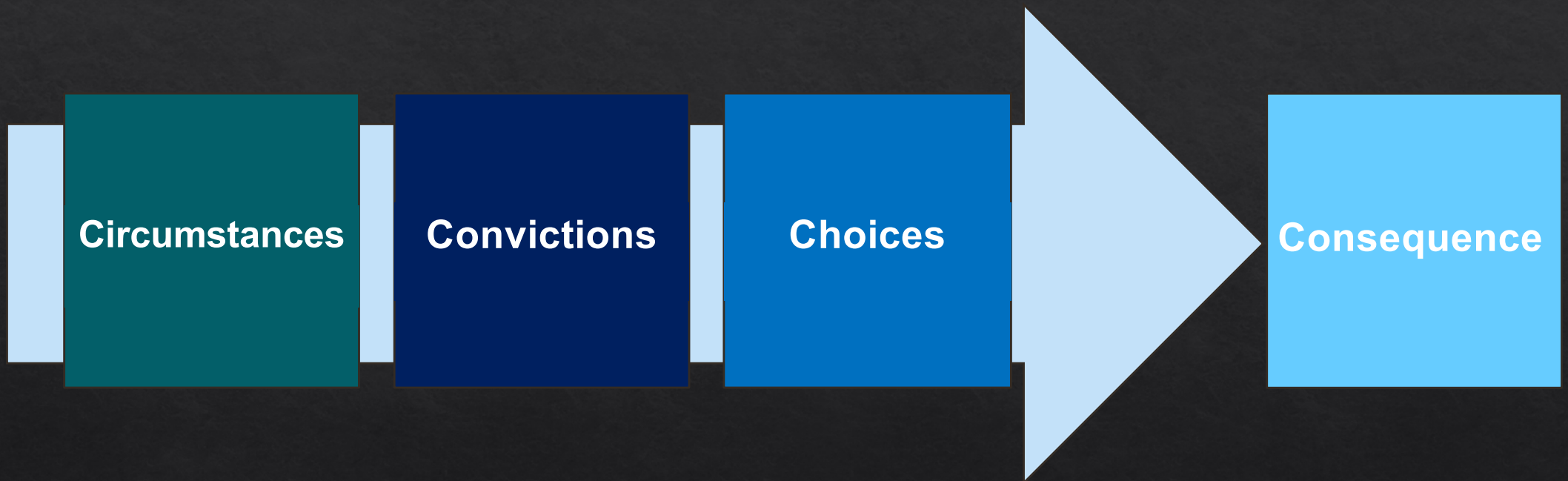


Becoming God's people  
means overcoming idolatry  
(Exodus 32:1-14)







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**They believed that  
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with them**



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## From the Ten Commandments...

<sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God  
- Exo 20:3-5



# The Choices that led to idolatry

1. They chose to 'forget' all that God had done for them
2. They chose to disobey God
3. They chose to put their trust in other things





**God has chosen us**

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**Keep on choosing God**



# The Consequence of their idolatry

“Go down, for **your people**, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves.”  
- Exo 32:7





## The Consequence of their idolatry

“I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you.”

- Exo 32:9-10





## The Consequence of their idolatry

God wanted to destroy Israel  
but his wrath was averted  
because of Moses' intercessory  
prayer for the people.





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Have we made  
choices that we  
need to repent of?

