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## Living in a World of Idols

Who's your idol? Better yet, what's your idol? We all have idols in our lives that we need to recognize and remove. Trying to identify them can be difficult. The question to ask ourselves is, "What things am I allowing to take my time away from God?" God specifically states that we should not have any gods before Him. So how do we identify our idols and then learn to live free of them?

### Two idols that most of us can relate to:

1. **Money** – Having money and spending money are not bad things in themselves. It's when we choose to make getting the money a higher priority than spending time with God. How much time do you spend on money subjects: budgeting, stock markets, savings, etc.? If not already doing so, have you given thought to applying God's remedy for money idolatry--tithing?

*1 Timothy 6:3-10; Acts 5:1-4; Mark 11:15-18; Matthew 6:21*

2. **Me** – Whether it's clothes, hair, hobbies, work, recreation, or something else, we can easily cross the line from taking care of ourselves to idolatry. What other things can you think of that could be taken too far and become an idol? Share, if you can, any of these that you might be struggling with personally.

*2 Timothy 3:1-2; Isaiah 44:9-10; Jeremiah 11:12; Psalm 106:36*

### How to live in a world of idols:

1. **KILL 'em all** – The Bible tells us to put to death whatever belongs to our earthly nature. What can you do to get rid of the idols in your life?

*Colossians 3:5-6; Job 11:14-15; James 1:21*

2. **CLEAN it UP** – We need to clean up our act and show others how God wants us to be. What are some steps you can take to clean up your life?

*Colossians 3:7-9; Psalm 51:10; Luke 11:41*

3. **CLOTHE yourself** – Put on your new self, the image of God. What can you do to be more like Jesus?

*Colossians 3:12-17; Romans 13:14*

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## Make It Real

- Identify what idols are in your life.
- Ask your group or an accountability partner to help you get rid of your idols.
- Train yourself to keep your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith.