



“Other gods?”

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*Idols corrupt us, change us, enslave us, and become our obsession.
If God is to be in His rightful place in our lives,
they must be _____!*

1. What is Idolatry? (Exodus 20:1-6)

- **V. 2 = “I am the Lord your God”** = “I Yahweh your God” = I am the one and only true God.
 - The Egyptians were _____.
 - The Israelites were _____.
- Romans 1:18-25 = God has revealed Himself through creation, but fools exchange the truth of God for a lie.
- **V. 3 = “no other gods before Me”** = “before me” has to do with the “face” or “presence” of God.
 - Idolatry is putting something _____ God.
 - Idolatry is having another god blocking God in our lives.
 - Idolatry is _____ God’s rightful place as #1 with something else.
- **V. 4 = “make no carved image or likeness”** = no “graven images”
- **V. 5 = “You shall not bow down to them or serve them”** = NIV “worship them”
- **V. 5 = “a jealous God”** = This speaks to God’s exclusive covenantal relationship with us.
 - God doesn’t want us _____ on Him with false gods.

- **Why is idolatry such a big deal?**
 - It is a matter of _____.
 - It is a matter of what is best for us.

Application: Is God the clear #1 in your life?

2. How do I deal with my Idols? (Exodus 32: 1-8, 19-20)

Four Steps to Freedom:

1. _____ Them.
 - Ask God to reveal them.
 - Ask yourself some questions:
 - **What occupies my mind?**
 - **How do I spend my money?**
 - **What drives my emotions?**
 - **What do I think I must have to feel fulfilled and significant?**
2. _____ of Them.
 - Ezekiel 14:5-6; James 4:8-10
 - What is repentance?
3. _____ Them.
 - Moses burned the golden calf...
 - We need to Burn the Bridge!
4. _____ Them.
 - Colossians 3:1-3
 - RENEW YOUR MIND (read, meditate, memorize God’s Word)
 - Idols must be removed and replaced with _____.

Application: Are you falling for the false gods of this world or putting your hope and trust in Jesus?

NEXT STEPS?