

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1445: How Do I Keep Idols Out of My Life?

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See:



1. What is the Second Commandment, and why does God give it the longest explanation of all ten? Explain how it functions as an “external action instruction” and why idolatry is described as a root sin with generational impact.
2. According to Exodus 20:4-6 and Genesis 3:23, what does it mean to “make” an idol? Describe how bowing down and serving an idol involves lowering yourself and binding your energy to something created.
3. Using Deuteronomy 4:15-20, restate the Second Commandment in your own words for modern Christians. How does idolatry corrupt the purpose for which God rescued Israel—and for which Christ rescued us?
4. How does the golden calf reveal why idolatry is so appealing? Explain how idolatry acts as a shortcut, offering quick reassurance instead of the slower, deeper work of transformation.
5. Describe the four-step pattern of idolatry as described in the Rewind. How does this pattern show the subtle way idolatry forms in our lives? (Exodus 32:1-6)
6. Describe Paul’s awareness of the idolatry he saw around him in Athens. How did he address the Athenians respectfully, meeting them where they were? Can you think of a situation where you could use Paul’s approach with others? (Acts 17:16-28)
7. How can we recognize our own idolatry developing in our hearts? How should we respond when we identify idolatry within ourselves? (Acts 17:27-28, Galatians 5:19-20)
8. Where have you allowed a desire for control, reassurance or immediate answers to replace trust in God?
9. What modern ‘idols’ (objects, habits, comfort, validation, technology, identity) might be shaping your choices? What steps can you take to shut them down completely rather than leaving a small pathway open? controlling you?