

Series: "EMPTY PROMISES"  
 Part 1: "IT'S A CHOICE"  
 Crossroads Community Church  
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**Facts for Facing into Idolatry:**

1. Idolatry isn't \_\_\_\_\_ issue; it's \_\_\_\_\_ issue

<sup>2</sup> "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. <sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup> "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

Exodus 20:2-4 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Joshua 24:14-15 (NIV)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ of us are \_\_\_\_\_

3. We have \_\_\_\_\_ to choose from

a. "gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River"—the gods of our \_\_\_\_\_

b. "gods your ancestors worshiped.....in Egypt"—gods of our \_\_\_\_\_

c. "gods of the Amorites"—gods of our \_\_\_\_\_

d. "the Lord"—The \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>4</sup> Delight yourself in the LORD..... Psalm 37:4a (NIV)

But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."  
 Joshua 24:15b (NIV)

4. There's no \_\_\_\_\_ but to \_\_\_\_\_

a. \_\_\_\_\_ what God has done

<sup>2</sup> Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your forefathers, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the River and worshiped other gods. <sup>3</sup> But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the River and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. Joshua 24:2-3 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> " 'Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I afflicted the Egyptians by what I did there, and I brought you out. Joshua 24:5 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> " 'Then you crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho. The citizens of Jericho fought against you, as did also the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites and Jebusites, but I gave them into your hands. <sup>12</sup> I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove them out before you--also the two Amorite kings. You did not do it with your own sword and bow. <sup>13</sup> So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.'  
 Joshua 24:11-13 (NIV)

b. \_\_\_\_\_ who God is

<sup>19</sup> Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. Joshua 24:19 (NIV)

c. \_\_\_\_\_ all idols

<sup>23</sup> "All right then," Joshua said, "destroy the idols among you, and turn your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel."  
 Joshua 24:23 (NLT)

**Diagnostic Questions: How to Recognize an Idol**

1. What \_\_\_\_\_ you the most?
2. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ about the most?
3. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ your time and money for?
4. What \_\_\_\_\_ you the most?
5. Where do you \_\_\_\_\_ when you're hurting?
6. Who or what \_\_\_\_\_ you?
7. What are your \_\_\_\_\_ ?