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²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

Romans 7:21-24(NIV)

Principle of Life Change

A real change of _____ cannot happen without a real change of _____

The Real Heart Issue: _____

Idolatry Defined: Anything we _____ above God

4 Problems with Idolatry

⁹ All who make idols are nothing, and the things they treasure are worthless. Those who would speak up for them are blind; they are ignorant, to their own shame.¹⁰ Who shapes a god and casts an idol, which can profit nothing?¹¹ People who do that will be put to shame; such craftsmen are only human beings.

Isaiah 44:9-11 (NIV)

1. Idolatry is _____

2. Idolatry leads to _____

¹² The blacksmith takes a tool and works with it in the coals; he shapes an idol with hammers, he forges it with the might of his arm. He gets hungry and loses his strength; he drinks no water and grows faint. Isaiah 44:12-17 (NIV)

3. Idolatry is _____

¹⁸ They know nothing, they understand nothing; their eyes are plastered over so they cannot see, and their minds closed so they cannot understand.¹⁹ No one stops to think, no one has the knowledge or understanding to say, "Half of it I used for fuel; I even baked bread over its coals, I roasted meat and I ate. Shall I make a detestable thing from what is left? Shall I bow down to a block of wood?"²⁰ Such a person feeds on ashes; a deluded heart misleads him; he cannot save himself, or say, "Is not this thing in my right hand a lie?"

Isaiah 44:18-20 (NIV)

4. Idolatry _____ You

2 Solutions to Idolatry

²¹ "Remember these things, Jacob, for you, Israel, are my servant. I have made you, you are my servant; Israel, I will not forget you.²² I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."

Isaiah 44:21-22 (NIV)

1. He Calls us to _____

2. He Invites us to _____

Sermon Notes: