

Bad Bosses, Lousy Lords and a great God

Overcoming idolatry and unmasking counterfeit gods of our culture

“Then God gave the people all these instructions: “I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery. “You must not have any other god but me.”

Exodus 20:1-3 NLT

“Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods...”

Psalms 16:4 NLT

“So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.”

Colossians 2:10 NLT

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”

Matthew 6:33 NLT

You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.” -St Augustine

Sometimes we do not know that Jesus is all we need until Jesus is all we have- Corrie Ten Boom

Definition of idolatry

An idol is anything more important than God. Anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God. Anything you seek to give you only what God can give. Anything that if you lost it, you would feel like life is hardly worth living. - Tim Keller

Statements on idolatry

1. Idolatry will always leave you heartbroken
2. Idols make you weak and vulnerable
3. Idols control us. And whatever controls us is our Lord.
4. Idols will ultimately fail you
5. Good things cannot be ultimate things

Good things that cannot be ultimate things

1. Your spouse
2. Kids
3. Appearance
4. Achievement/success
5. Ministry
6. Romance
7. Feelings
8. Phones/screens