

MAKE GOD BIGGER

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I. INTRODUCTION: MAKE GOD BIGGER

1 John 5:21 Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

A. An idol is anything that competes with or is a substitute for God in your life.

B. The answer to idols in your life is to make God bigger.

1. Make God bigger than your fears.

A. Fear will cause you to disconnect from God.

1 John 5:19-20 We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true. And we are in Him who is true by being in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

B. Fear will cause you to disregard other people.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

2. Make God bigger than your substitutes.

- **What do you love?**

A. Any thing you love more than Jesus is an idol.

B. Any one you love more than Jesus is an idol.

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

3. Make God bigger than your sin.

A. Repentance leads you to reevaluate.

B. Repentance leads you to revival.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

4. Make God bigger than you.

A. Do not make God in your own image.

“We can all too easily think we have Him sewn up, we know all about Him, we can predict His responses and even condition them. But what we have is not God. It is an idol of our own making, a thinly veiled excuse for worshipping ourselves.” - David Jackman

B. My worship must be more about God than about me.

John 3:30 He must become greater; I must become less.

C. Make God bigger.

“And as the shadows flee before the sun, so let all my idols vanish at thy presence!” - John Wesley