

When the Gospel Confronts the Culture Sunday, February 15, 2026

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Acts 17:16–29; 1 Peter 4:17; Exodus 20:3–4

DISCOVER (Message Notes)

INTRODUCTION

- **Environments Tell a** _____
- **Truth Will Always Confront Our** _____
- **Every Culture Builds Altars**
 - _____ Was Full of Idols
 - _____ Is Full of Idols
 - Self-Reliance
 - _____
 - Comfort
 - Power and _____
 - Subjective Truth
 - _____-Shaped Emotions
 - The _____ Has Its Own Idols
 - Radical Independence
 - Calendar _____
 - Spiritual Substitutes
 - _____
 - All of Us Have Our Own Idols
- **We Were Created to** _____

1. We Cannot Follow Jesus and _____ Our Altars

- **Idols Should Deeply** _____ **Us**
- **Conviction Doesn't Stay** _____
- _____ **Isn't Commitment**
- **Jesus Won't Sit on a** _____

2. WE DON'T GET TO _____ GOD

- **God Is the Creator, Not** _____
- **God Doesn't Need Us, We Need Him**
- **God Is Not Ours to** _____

BRINGING IT HOME

- **Who Is God to You?**
- **What Altars Are Still Standing?**
- **Will We Surrender or Manage?**

RESPOND: If you're ready to take a step, start here

- _____ I need to stop managing God and fully surrender an area of my life to His Lordship
- _____ The Holy Spirit has revealed an altar in my life, and I'm ready to tear it down
- _____ I want to stop negotiating with God and start obeying Him
- _____ I want to give my life to Jesus and surrender to Him as Lord

GROW: Going Deeper for Personal Study and Application

- **Reflect:** Where in my life have I been managing God instead of surrendering to Him? What "altar" have I protected that the Holy Spirit is asking me to tear down?
- **Read & Pray:** Read [Acts 17:24–31](#) and [Exodus 20:3–4](#). As you read, ask the Lord to reveal any place where you've reduced Him, reshaped Him, or negotiated with Him.
- **Take a Step:** Choose one specific area this week where you will stop negotiating and start obeying. It may be your schedule. It may be your speech. It may be a relationship. It may be an area of control. Act on it immediately. Tear down the altar while conviction is fresh.