

05.10.10 Finding Your Idol

- Exodus 32:1-4— "When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him "Come make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." And he fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.""
- Exodus 32:23-24— "For they said, "Make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." So I said to them, "Let any who have gold take it off." So they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf."
- Tim Keller— "...The specific answer in any circumstance is that there is something you feel you must have in order to be happy, that is more important to your heart than God himself."
- Jonah 2:8— "Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love.
- 1 John 5:20-21— "And we know 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 his who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourself from idols."
- C.S. Lewis— "These things... are good images of what we really desire; but if they are mistaken for the thing itself, they turn into dumb idols, breaking the hearts of their worshippers."
- Colossians 3:5— "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry."
- Convictions:
 - #1: If God created life; He gets to define it.
 - #2: Every longing at its core is a longing for Life!
- Inversion:
 - #1: If we create god- we get to define Him.
 - #2: Every desire is what I deserve!
- Proverbs 16:25— "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death."
- Entitlement is part of the inversion... "Gratitude, in contrast, regulates our relationship with the created world by steering us between asceticism (the absence of earthly pleasure) and idolatry."
- Idol ID:
 - Forsaking your Image and Embracing His!