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[SERMON NOTES]

Life can feel like \_\_\_\_\_ a game without the instructions.

**Winning at “The Game of Life”** (*Exodus 32, Exodus 20:3-6, Ezekiel 14:3, Matthew 16:24-26*)

We \_\_\_\_\_ at the game of life by being will to \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ is anything that sits on the throne of our hearts \_\_\_\_\_ God.

The foolishness of idolatry is when \_\_\_\_\_ is worshiped by \_\_\_\_\_.

Idolatry is \_\_\_\_\_, that’s why God takes it \_\_\_\_\_.

***How do we take down idols?***

1. Identify it.
2. Repent of it.
3. Proclaim over it... **I will trust and follow \_\_\_\_\_ more than (*idol*).**

*Slide of “could be” idols used in the message: self, politics, sports, kids, education, career, entertainment, social media, kids sports, sex, money, clothes, food, hobbies, fitness, power, influence, drink*

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[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

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[MY STORY]

Do you have a friend or someone in your life that is not very self-aware? Perhaps they have bad habits and don’t know them. Or perhaps they act a certain way, talk a certain way, or behave a certain way that they don't see or understand what they are doing. Sometimes, it is easier to see those things from the outside looking in. The same can be true with the idols in our life. Perhaps other people can more clearly see the issue even before we realize it about ourselves.

***Have you ever had someone identify a bad habit of yours or something that needed to be changed? How receptive were you? How did that process go?***

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[DIGGING DEEPER]

To be clear, there is a difference between idolatry and bad habits but it starts by identifying what idols are in our life. This can be a difficult process because identifying an idol takes humility and self awareness to recognize the sin in our life. **How would you define an "idol"? Then, on a scale of 1 - 10, circle how easy it is for you to identify idols in your own life. Explain your answer.**

An idol is....

(1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10)

**What are some different ways we can identify the potential idols in our lives?**

**What are some examples of idolatry that we see in the culture around us? Write out at least 10. And then underline one that may apply to you and "x" one that might not apply to you.**

**READ Colossians 3:1-17.** Colossians 3 spends time describing there are things to put to death and things to clothe ourselves with in our new life with Jesus. **With Colossians 3 as a backdrop, how do you rid yourself of the idols in your life to better pursue the character of God?**

**Why do you think idols can be so addictive and potentially destructive?**

**Read Isaiah 44:6-23. Circle the different idols identified in this passage and journal a takeaway from this passage.**

With the things you heard from the message this week and any experience you have, **seek to identify, repent of, and remove an idol from your life. Name the idol below and then consider 2-3 steps to put Jesus before it.**

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### [WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible and READ (Reflect, Examine, Apply, Do).

**1 Corinthians 10**

**Jonah 2**

**Galatians 4:8-16**

**Psalms 135**