

## Dealing with Idols 1 Corinthians 8,10

Reading the Bible we come across major cultural challenges. One of the major ones is with Idolatry. In America we don't think we have Idols. Yet, the truth is we deal with Idols as much as any culture at any time, ours are simply disguised differently. Join as we look at how Paul instructs us to deal with our Idols.

### Idols are everywhere

#### Ezekiel 14:3

“Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their hearts, and set the stumbling block of their iniquity before their faces.”

God was saying that the human heart takes good things like a successful career, love, material possessions, even family, and turns them into ultimate things. Our hearts deify them as the center of our lives, because, we think, they can give us significance and security, safety and fulfillment, if we attain them.

—Keller, Timothy *“Counterfeit Gods”*

#### Romans 1:20–21

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks...

### We aren't immune to idols

We think we're strong, but we're not as strong as we think

- We think we're strong- Ch. 8
  - If I know better I'll do better
  - If I have the right information, then I'll make the right decision
  - Information can make us arrogant
  - Information can make us selfish
    - We can use “God 'ish' language” to legitimize any action
- We're not as strong as we think- Ch. 10
  - Experience isn't the best teacher
  - The right pressures cause anyone to crack
  - Social Pressure
  - Sexual Pressure
  - Frustration
  - Unmet Expectations

### Flee idols

- Watch Your Step
- Flee when you see the path
- Replace Your Idols with the Savior