



GOSPEL REVOLUTION “The Greatest Treasure: JESUS CHRIST”

Exodus 20:1-5 / John 4:7-45
October 4, 2015

The Woman @ The Well

- ✓ She Was an Outcast - Hurting, Lonely, & Weary
- ✓ She Was Thirsty
- ✓ She Was Lost
- ✓ She Was Looking Approval & Affection
- ✓ She Was Found And Found The Approval & Affection She Was Looking for All Along
- ✓ She Shared What She Found With Others

What Are the Idols in Your Life?

It is anything that takes the place of God in our lives.

Idolatry Detector Test

- ✓ What must you have to be happy?
- ✓ What causes the most stress?
- ✓ What one thing do you most hope for in the future?
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- ✓ If you could change one thing about yourself right now, what would it be?
- ✓ What thing have you sacrificed most for?
- ✓ What is there in your life that you feel like you can't forgive and why?
- ✓ When do you feel the most significant?
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- ✓ Where do you turn for comfort when things are not going well?

Idols = False gods

- ✓ We Are Attracted to Them
- ✓ We Allow Them to Allure Us
- ✓ We Don't See Them as an Adversary But Instead We Accumulate & Accommodate False gods Far too Often
- ✓ We Commit Spiritual Adultery
- ✓ We Abandon the Lord for a False god
- ✓ We Accept Less Than God's Best for Us

The Call

- ✓ We Remember We Have Access to the God of the Universe!
- ✓ We Don't Have to Try and Appease God!
- ✓ We Accept the Truth That The Lord's Approval Is All We Really Need
- ✓ We Allow the Lord's Affection For Us & His Approval Of Us to Daily Overwhelm Us
- ✓ We Agree with the Lord & Admit Our False gods Are an Affront to Him
- ✓ We Set Our Affection on the Lord and as a Result We will Abhor our false gods
- ✓ We Declare Our Allegiance to Him

The Gospel Prayer

“In Christ, there is nothing I can do that would make You love me more and nothing I have done that makes You love me less. Your presence & approval are all I need for everlasting joy. As you have been to me, so I will be to others. As I pray, I'll measure Your compassion by the cross and Your power by the resurrection.”

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The words we have used so far are **ABIDE, AMAZED & ACCEPTED**

Today we add the words Our **Affection & God’s Affection Approval**

The goal of this message is to teach the second part of the Gospel Prayer, which affirms that Christ is life’s greatest treasure, and in Him, we have all we need: “Your presence and approval are all I need for everlasting joy.” No longer do we need to crave the approval of others, because in Him we have the absolute approval of the only One whose opinion really matters. No longer do we need earthly riches, for we have a treasure of unspeakable worth. In Christ, we can give away all we have because in Christ we have all that we need.

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- ✓ **She Was an Outcast**
- ✓ **She Was Hurting, Lonely, & Weary**
- ✓ **She Was Thirsty**

“My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters and they have taken shovels and are digging wells broken wells, which can hold no water.” Jeremiah 2:13

“Now on the last day of the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out saying, “If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water. But this he spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.” John 7:37-39

- ✓ **She Was Lost**
- ✓ **She Was Looking Approval & Affection** – Seeking and digging the wrong wells – but she was looking, just in the wrong places
- ✓ **She Was Found And Found The Approval & Affection She Was Looking for All Along**
- ✓ **She Shared What She Found With Others** – I Found the Messiah

What Are the Idols in Your Life?

Before God gave the children of Israel the Ten Commandments, He gave them a picture of who He was.

He reminded them that He had redeemed them and brought them out of bondage. He was the Lord who had vanquished all their enemies and saved them. Before God tells us to stop sinning, He tells us to behold Him. Only in seeing His glory will we develop the power to stop sinning.

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“Glory” in Hebrew is *kabod*, which is literally translated “weight.” To worship something is to give it the weight of God in our lives. Exodus 20:5 defines an idol as anything we trust more than God (v. 5, “you must not ... worship them”); anything that commands our obedience more than God (v. 5, “you must not bow down to them”); or anything we love more than God (v. 5, “for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God.”)

Idolatry Detector Test

So we ask, what carries the most weight in our lives? What is the most important thing in our lives. We can say all we want to that it’s this, but the weight, the priority and passion we place on that really determines what or who we worship?

Some questions to ask yourself?

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Your false gods will fail you and God knows that and ultimately so do we – we just choose to ignore it!

The Call

Jesus is better than money, than any human love, than any earthly pleasure, than any other earthly power, and popularity.

- ✓ **We Remember We Have Access to the God of the Universe!**
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When we are satisfied with God's presence and approval in our lives, we will no longer obsess about what everyone thinks about us or expects of us. We can then live with authenticity!

- ✓ **We Allow the Lord's Affection For Us & His Approval Of Us to Daily Overwhelm Us**

- ✓ **We Agree with the Lord & Admit Our False gods Are an Affront to Him** for what they are – woman at the well – Jesus said you have spoken truthfully –
- ✓ **We Set Our Affection on the Lord and as a Result We will Abhor our false gods** God’s authority must be greater than our desires! The reason we can’t say no to temptation is not that our desires for those things are too large, it’s because our desires for God is too small!!
We must develop a deeper and stronger desire for the Lord! Our affections for idols are only brought under control only when they are taken captive by a stronger, more enchanting affection. We really only hate sin when we start to truly love God!
- ✓ **We Declare Our Allegiance to Him**
God’s allegiance to us is not based on our allegiance to Him! We give Him the weight He deserves

C.S. Lewis said, “In life, there are first things (God), 2nd things (everything else). If you put the first things first, you’ll also get the 2nd things too. If you put the 2nd things first, you’ll now only lose the first things but you’ll lose the 2nd things too!”

“Jesus plus nothing equals everything; everything minus Jesus equals nothing.” Tullian Tchividjian