

Hosea: Focus 05/12/17 [Friday Service]

Hosea 2:5

"Yes, their mother is promiscuous; she conceived them and acted shamefully. For she thought, "I will go after my lovers, the men who gave me my food and water, my wool and flax, my oil and drink."

– Hosea 2:5

What is an idol?

Anything that replaces God

God is:

Our Comforter
Our Provider
Our Friend
Our Creator
Our Master
Our Lover
Our King
etc...

Our Everything

"The more his fruit increased, the more he increased the altars. The better his land produced, the better they made the sacred pillars."

– Hosea 10:1b

11 "Be careful that you don't forget the Lord your God by failing to keep His command—the ordinances and statutes—I am giving you today. 12 When you eat and are full, and build beautiful houses to live in...

...13 and your herds and flocks grow large, and your silver and gold multiply, and everything else you have increases, 14 be careful that your heart doesn't become proud and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery.

- Deuteronomy 8:11-14

Modern Examples:

Intimate Relationships

Financial Security

Hobbies

“Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith. Examine yourselves. Or do you yourselves not recognize that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless you fail the test.”

– 2 Corinthians 13:5

How do we identify idols?

Time
Money
Thoughts

What's distracting you?

“let us lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us”

- Hebrews 12:1

Take Action:

Prayer
Study
Community

God is Faithful:

“if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.”

- Timothy 2:13