



[guardrails]
“Wrong Way Worship”
Pastor Bob Botsford

Main Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:14

Referenced Scripture: Isaiah 2:5-18, Hebrews 12:1-2, Exodus 20:2-5, Genesis 31, 1 Samuel 5-7, Isaiah 44, Ezekiel 14:3, Romans 1:22-23

OPEN:

1. What in particular spoke to you from Pastor Bob’s message?
2. In what way is valuing anything more than God “wrong way worship”?

DIG DEEPER:

1. Martin Luther said “*We cannot break any of the commandments without breaking the first commandment.*” What did he mean? Refer to **Exodus 20:2-3**.
2. In your own words define idolatry. Why does God want us to take the issue of idolatry seriously?
3. Regarding idolatry... how is everything in our lives either: a means or an end, something we worship or worship with, and a device or deity?
4. What form do our modern idols take? In what way is idolatry still as serious a problem today as it was in Isaiah’s day (**Isaiah 2:5-8**), only taking a different form?
5. In **1 Corinthians 10:14** Paul tell us to “*flee idolatry*”, not to understand where to draw the line, and not how close we can get to that line without crossing it. Explain.
6. How can idolatry lead to bondage?

REFLECT:

1. What are some things that that you have lifted up and given a higher value than God in your heart and life?
2. What has the Holy Spirit been speaking to you about idolatry in your own life? What “guardrails” do you need to have in place in regard to idolatry?

MEMORY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 10:14
“*Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.*”

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