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Identifying the Problem





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*Treating the Symptom
Instead of the Illness*



The Symptoms



Struggling *Spending*

Hurting *Worrying*

Stressing *Quitting*

Cheating *Medicating*

Lusting *Avoiding*

Lying *Searching*



Share our struggles.



Unload our frustrations



*Express our
discouragement*

Display our wounds.



*Maybe even
confess our sins*



*But really we're
talking about are
symptoms rather than
the true illness
—the true issue—
which is always
Idolatry*



“Idolatry is the most discussed problem in the Bible and one of the most powerful spiritual and intellectual concepts in the believer’s arsenal. Yet for Christians today it is one of the least meaningful notions...”



Idolatry

Seems so primitive

So Irrelevant

*And yet idolatry is the
number one sin
issue in the Bible*

gods
at
war

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Idolatry in the Bible

EVERY Book of
the Bible

*More than fifty of the
laws in the first five
books are aimed
at this issue*





There's a War Going On





What If?





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Joshua 24:14-15

“Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then

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Joshua 24:14-15

choose for yourselves
this day whom you will
serve, whether the gods your
ancestors served beyond the
Euphrates, or the gods of the
Amorites, in whose land you
are living. But as for me
and my household,
we will serve the Lord.”

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Four Options

*gods of forefathers
beyond the river*

gods in Egypt

gods of the Amorites

the LORD

~~**None of the Above**~~

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*“The opposite of
theism is not
atheism, it’s
idolatry.”*

Peter Kreft



Make a Worship Choice Today

Joshua says,
“choose this day.”

I Chose

I Choose

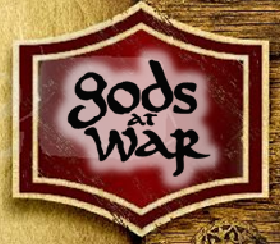
I will keep choosing.



Understanding the Choice



*Appreciate what
God has done*



Recognize who God is



Smash all other gods



Cough Syrup for Cancer

