AfterThoughts January 30, 2022

Sermon Title: The Second Commandment: Make No Idols

Scripture: Exodus 20:4–6

This week, Pastor David continued the series from Exodus on The Ten Commandments. He reminded us that:

- Our Understanding and Worship Of God Must Be Governed by the Word of God.
- Our Human Heart Is Bent Toward Idolatry.

Going Deeper:

- The Israelites were set free from Egyptian bondage, but it took a long time to get "Egypt" out of them. It's the same way with us. We have been set free by Jesus' sacrifice but it takes a long time to get the "Egypt of sin" out of us. Describe how you have found this to be true in your own life.
- A lifeless wood, stone, or metal object could never represent the living, infinite, eternal God. Yet, our human heart is bent toward idolatry. Why are believers instructed not to attempt to represent God in a man-made object?
- Often, we take the transcendental God and try to form Him into our pet god our calf god– a god who exists solely to meet our desires. Is your God too small? Explain.

Additional Information:

"What comes to our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." ~ A.W. Tozer, The Knowledge Of The Holy

Exodus 32:1-4

Ten Words To Live By - Jen Wilkin

Soul Searching - research findings from the The National Study of Youth & Religion

- 1. A God exists who created and ordered the world and watches over human life on earth.
- 2. God wants people to be good, nice and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions.
- 3. The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself.
- 4. God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when God is needed to resolve a problem.
- 5. Good people go to heaven when they die.

May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. ~ Numbers 6:24–26

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