



**CHOOSE THIS DAY**  
*devoting ourselves to God alone*

# Idolatry

Anything more important to you than God,  
anything that absorbs your heart and  
imagination more than God, anything you seek  
to give you what only God can give

*Tim Keller*



**John 10:10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

“Life to the full”

What does this mean?



# True fulfillment and satisfaction comes from the inside out ?

John 7:37-38 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within”



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# What do you turn to find fulfillment?

Pornography, gambling, sex, alcohol/drugs, money, food , gaming, media, entertainment, career, politics, a talent or passion, relationships, education, a good cause, physical health, family, etc...



**John 4:9-20** The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” For Jews do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”



**John 4:9-20** Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet...”





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# Cistern



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# Challenge

When you are feeling angry, lonely, sad, stressed, drained or empty...

- What do you start thinking or dreaming about doing?
- What do you normally turn to find relief or fulfillment?
- What things do you turn to that are hurting your relationship with God and others, but you keep returning to them.

Acknowledge any broken cisterns that you go to and turn to God with that need.

