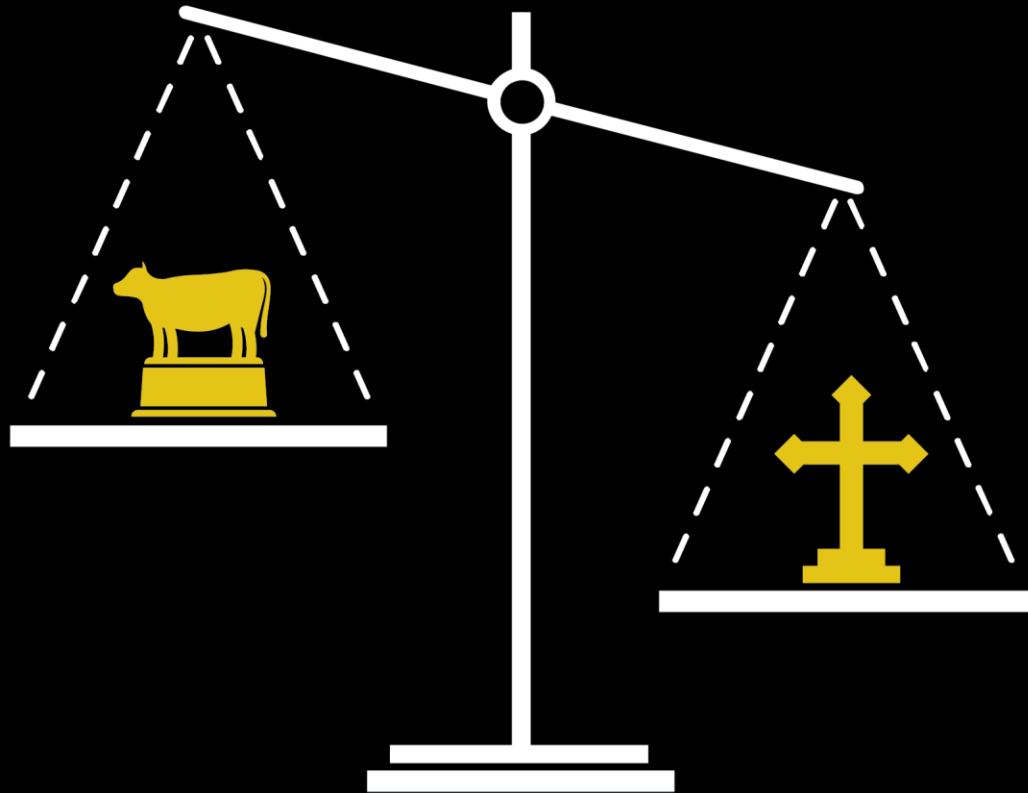


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# Provoke, Stirrup, Spur

- **James 1:20** ...human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.
- **Ephesians 4:26** “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry
- **Hebrews 10:24-25** And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

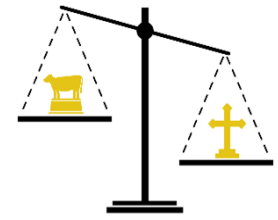




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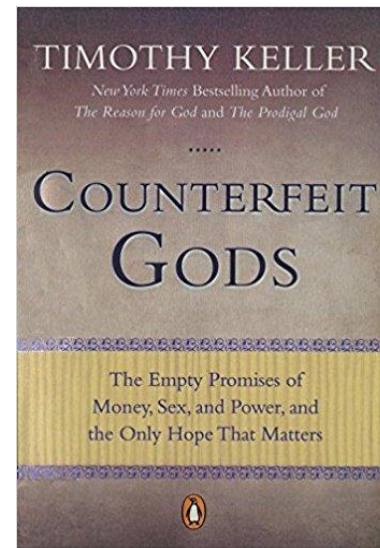


## RESOURCES

We have two great resources for you during our “Choose This Day” series:



**RightNow Media Video:** Gods at War by Kyle Idleman - Topics covered include the battle for our hearts over Pleasure, Love, Money, Power, & Me.



**Lending Library Book:** Counterfeit God by Timothy Keller – The empty promises of Money, Sex, and Power, and the only Hope that matters.

# We are made to worship

## 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*

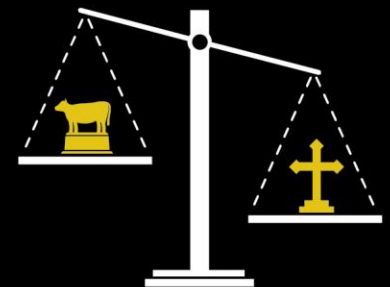


# We become what we worship

**Psalm 115: 8** (*speaking about idols*) Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.

## Idolatry will be an ongoing temptation for every Christian

**1 John 5:21** Dear children, keep yourselves from idol (keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts)



# Household Idols

**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 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.**”



# Household idols

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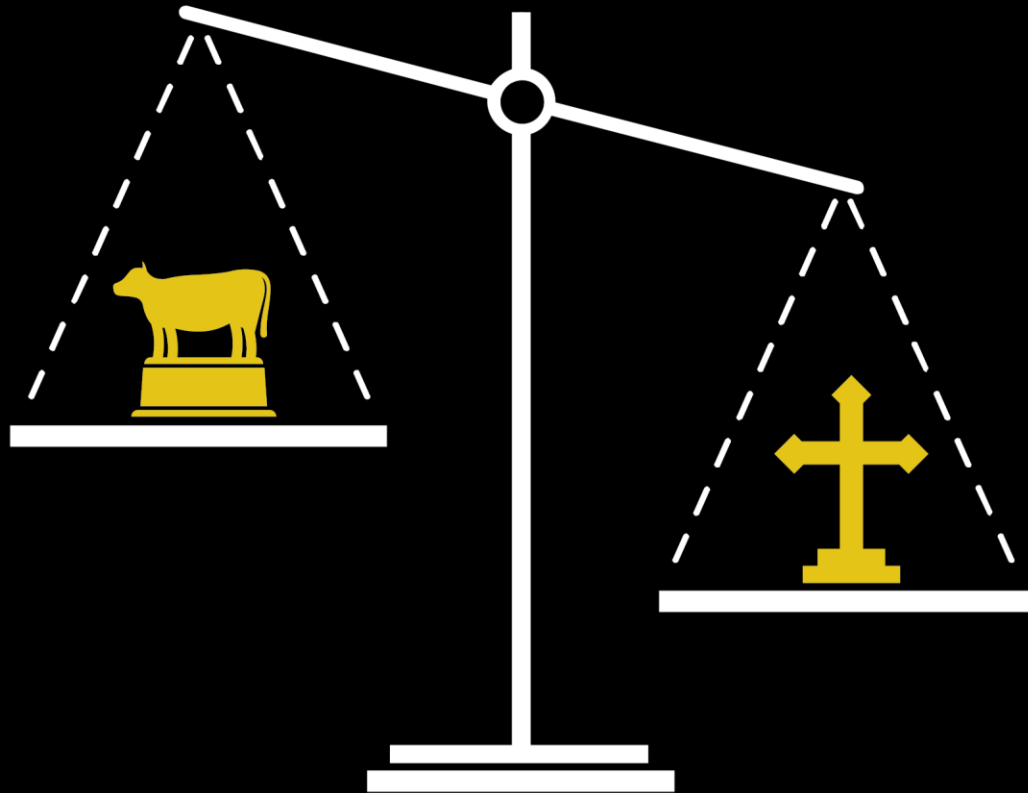
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**“Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve”**



# Challenge

Take 30 minutes to an hour and prayerfully reflect on the messages, values, beliefs and what things your household may have trusted above God.

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