



Jeremiah:

Prophet of contentment





You have an appetite for  
glory.



[An idol]...is 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...An idol is whatever you look at and say, in your heart of hearts, “If I have that, then I’ll feel my life has meaning, then I’ll know I have value, then I’ll feel significant and secure.”



~Tim Keller






Part 2:  
Fighting for contentment



# Big Idea:

God doesn't only want to be believed in; He wants to be believed. God's people are called to a life-long **fight** for contentment in Christ by daily transferring saving faith from our idols and onto Him.





Jeremiah  
10:1-16



Idols:

powerless,

yet strangely

powerful.



# The irony of idolatry

- We count on idols to support us
- We count on idols to lead us
- We count on idols to be with us
- We're afraid to disappoint them
- We count on them to last forever
- We guard them like a fine treasure





the **fight** for  
contentment

- Interview your idols
- Preach the Gospel to yourself



INTERVIEW

# 10 questions to ask:

1. Do I believe God is good?
2. What else is competing for Christ's place in my heart right now?
3. How is this thing making my life better?
4. What does God say about this thing in His Word?
5. What do I count on this thing to give me?
6. What does God want for me in this area?
7. If God means to give what I seek in this thing, where is He likely to do so?
8. Why does this idol have such a grip on me?
9. Do I believe God can be trusted?
10. What happens now?



# 10 truths to hear:

1. The cross broke the power of this idol over my life. I don't have to give in to this temptation.
2. The resurrection of Jesus means it won't always be this way.
3. Even if I condemn myself for my sin and brokenness, God does not. I'm forgiven.
4. I don't need anything this idol offers me; in Christ, I have more than enough.
5. The life this idol promises isn't the one I'm made for; what Christ offers is better.



# 10 truths to hear:

6. My idols break their promises and betray me; Christ is faithful and will never leave or forsake me.
7. The only person whose judgment ultimately matters is Christ.
8. Because the Spirit of Christ lives in me, I am never really on my own.
9. I belong to Christ already - I can't prove myself or make myself more accepted than I already am.
10. Idols can't protect me; In Christ, the Lord of the universe holds me in the palm of His hand.



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