



# BREAKTHROUGHS

FINDING FREEDOM AND TRUE  
FULFILLMENT IN JESUS

LESSON 4  
LITTLE GODS



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## WHAT ARE LITTLE GODS?

LITTLE GODS ARE ANYTHING WE TURN TO TO FIND COMFORT FROM OUR PAIN. THESE CAN BE SOMETHING, SOMEONE OR SELF.

""Idolatry starts in the heart: craving, wanting, enjoying, being satisfied by anything that you treasure more than God.""

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

“Those who cling to worthless idols,  
turn away from God’s love for them.

Jonah 2:8

# EXODUS 20:1-6

**1** Then God spoke all these words: **2** I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery. **3** Do not have other gods besides me. **4** Do not make an idol for yourself, whether in the shape of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. **5** Do not bow in worship to them, and do not serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the fathers' iniquity, to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me, **6** but showing faithful love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commands.

# EXODUS 20:1-6

## Jealous God

"God's jealousy is love in action. He refuses to share the human heart with any rival, not because He is selfish and wants us all for Himself, but because He knows that upon that loyalty to Him depends our very moral life ... God is not jealous of us: He is jealous for us."



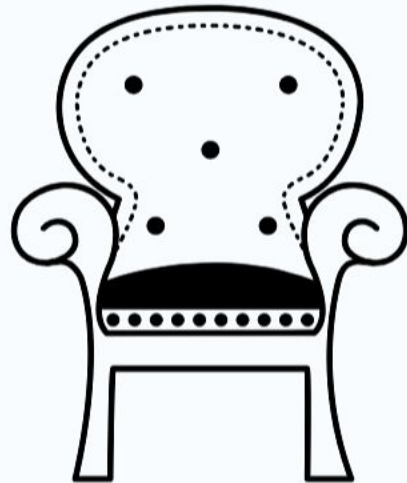
# ROMANS 1:25

"They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served what has been created instead of the Creator, who is praised forever. Amen."

IDOLATRY TURNS TO DEPRAVITY...

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*Little gods want to keep you from giving your heart, pain and worship to God.*





# WHY WE HAVE LITTLE GODS?

1. THEY ARE EASY
2. THEY ARE WHAT WE KNOW
3. SATAN

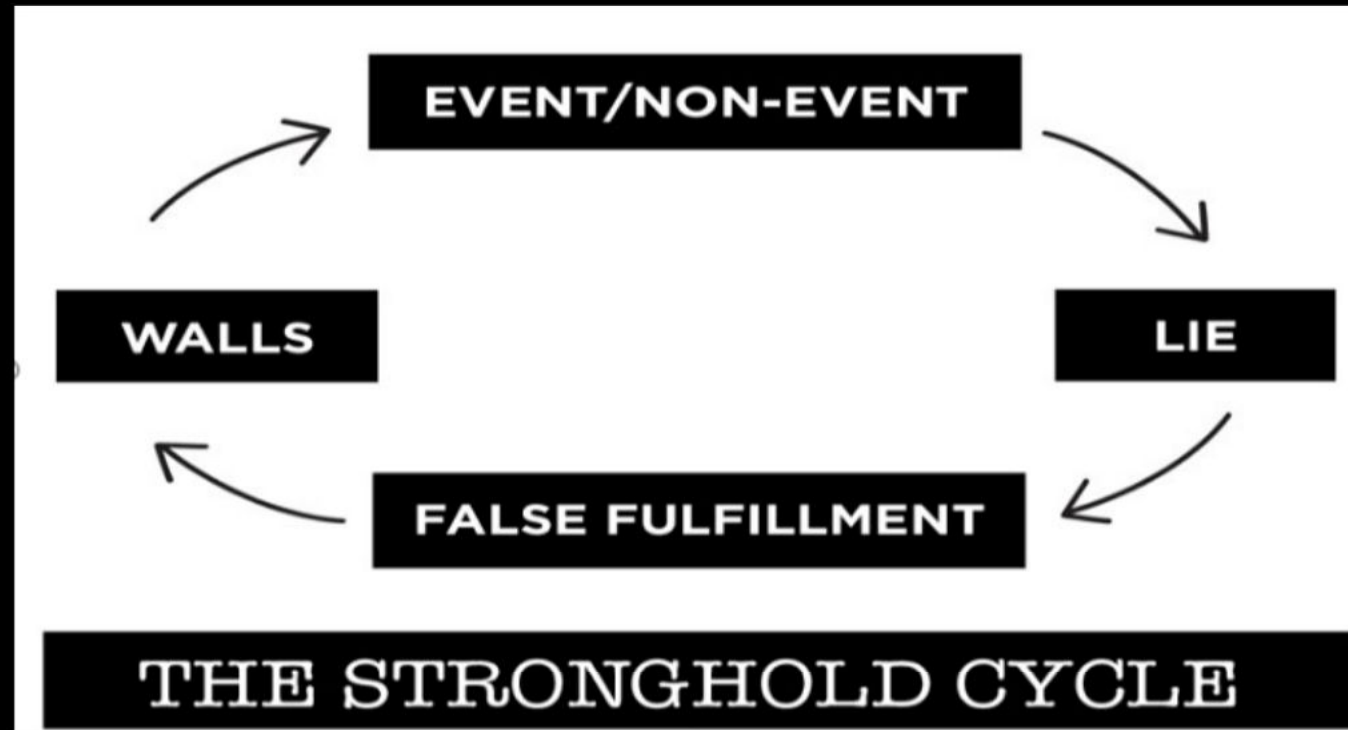
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*FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS,  
THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.  
MATTHEW 6:21*

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# ACTS 17

16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed when he saw that the city was full of idols.

22 Paul stood in the middle of the *Areopagus* and said: “People of Athens! I see that you are extremely religious in every respect. 23 For as I was passing through and observing the objects of your worship, I even found an altar on which was inscribed: ‘To an Unknown God.’ Therefore, what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it—he is Lord of heaven and earth—does not live in shrines made by hands. **25 Neither is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives everyone life and breath and all things.**

