



IDOL BREAKERS

April 18 & 19, 2026

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What I _____ most will shape my life.

FOUR WAYS I TURN AWAY IDOLS AND TURN TO GOD:

1

T_____ God above everything else.

Matthew 6:21 (NLT)

Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

FACT 1:

You don't defeat idols by removing them.

You defeat idols by _____ them.

Psalms 16:11 (GNT)

You will show me the path that leads to life; your presence fills me with joy and brings me pleasure forever.

Philippians 3:8 (GNT)

Not only those things; I reckon everything as complete loss for the sake of what is so much more valuable, the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have thrown everything away; I consider it all as mere garbage, so that I may gain Christ...

FACT 2:

Once God becomes your treasure, you begin to remove whatever _____ with Him.

2

U_____ anything that feeds my idols.

"Idols grow when they are _____."

1 Corinthians 10:14 (GNT)

So then, my dear friends, keep away from the worship of idols.

2 Timothy 2:22 (NLT)

Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

FACT:

You can't keep _____ something and expect it to die.

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QUESTION:**Is God first in my _____?****Colossians 1:18 (GNT)**

He is the head of his body, the church; he is the source of the body's life. He is the first-born Son, who was raised from death, in order that he alone might have the first place in all things.

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FINAL CHALLENGE

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What do I need to unplug from?

What needs to be realigned?

What do I need to name today?

FACT:

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