

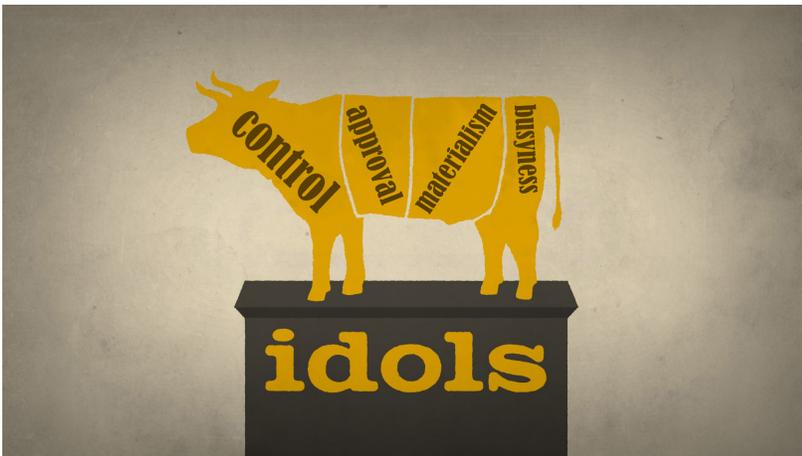
**What is  
Idolatry?**

# BUILDING BLOCKS

**The Idol of  
Control**

**Part 2**

**Is idolatry still a thing?** We learned on Sunday that it most certainly is. On Wednesdays throughout this month, we'll look at a few of the idols that seem to trip many of us up in the 21st century.



First up: **the idol of control**. As a case study, consider Aaron at the foot of Mount Sinai as the people say:

"Up, make us gods who shall \_\_\_\_\_ us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not \_\_\_\_\_ what has become of him." So Aaron said to them, "Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ... And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your \_\_\_\_\_, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" (Exo 32:1-4)

An easily overlooked weak spot for many of us is **control**. When we lose it, it's easy to make fools of ourselves (Exo 32:21-24). Let's talk about that...

## For Class & Family Discussion:

- In what way do people "worship" the idol of control?
- Why do people "worship" the idol of control?
- Having seen everything they had seen, why do you think those Israelites at Mount Sinai wanted what they wanted?
- Think about Aaron's lie in **Exodus 32**. Why did he lie? How does the lack of the control we'd *like* to have and lying often go hand in hand?
- Can you think of some Biblical examples of people who took control when it didn't belong to them and got themselves in trouble with God as a result?
- Can you think of an example or two of people who turned control over to God and relied on him in faith even when they *weren't* in control of their circumstances?
- If I recognize that it's easy for me to cling to "control" as a counterfeit god, what do I need to remember and work on this week?