

# DISRUPTING THE IDOL INDUSTRY

Acts 19.23-37 // April 28, 2024

## NEW LIFE CAUSING RIOTS

Like most large cities in the region, Ephesus had a thriving culture based around idolatry. The Temple of Artemis was a massive structure, and many locals made a living at producing small idols of Artemis. As the Gospel spread and people became saved, their affections and desires changed, and this affected the local market.

**Just as the new growth of spring eventually displaces the dead, old growth of the fall, the new growth of salvation also eventually displaces the dead, old growth of “the Fall.”**

## IDOLATRY

**The human heart is an idol factory.**

-John Calvin

When we transform, we can expect pushback. Be it from others in our lives, or in society as a whole, from close friends and family, and even our own flesh. We may not have temples and bow down to statues, but we do have idols that drive our economy, our culture, and our own flesh.

**Like a mama bear with her cubs, we can expect trouble if we come between someone and what they protect most.**

Matthew 6.24

## PROGRESSION OF SIN

James 4.1-3

**The deepest issues of the human struggle are not issues of pain and suffering, they are issues of worship. What we worship will dictate how we respond to pain and suffering.**

Desire (see “How Desire Takes Control” on the right) starts mostly quite benign. Our desires, in themselves, are not sinful. They are human, and they are often even *good*. But when

**“Good things” become “god things”  
when they become “must haves.”  
We worship our way into sin,  
therefore we must worship our way *out of sin*.**

Hebrews 3.12, 13

## NOTES:

### How Desire Takes Control

- 1. Desire:** “I want.” Nothing wrong yet. Nothing wrong with making a living!
- 2. Demand:** “I must.” The desire is no longer an expression of love for God and man, but something I crave for myself.
- 3. Need:** “I will.” Something desirable is now essential. I’m convinced that I can’t live without it, and will go outside of God’s design to get it.
- 4. Expectation:** “You should.” This is where my relationships begin to be affected. If I believe I have a need, I expect others AND GOD to make it happen if they really love me.
- 5. Disappointment:** “You didn’t!” Anger breaks out and becomes personal when someone stands in the way of what rules my heart.
- 6. Punishment:** “Because you didn’t, I will..” I respond to you in anger (silent treatment, hurtful words, vengeance, etc.)

### This Week’s Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 103

### This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

Psalm 136:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then open to the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read Acts 19.23-37. What stands out in here and from Sunday's sermon?

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### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Think about the story of the new growth slowly and eventually pushing off old, dead growth. How does that analogy help to encourage you with your own growth, but also give you understanding for how change occurs in those around us?

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### Your Life Mission

We know we will face push back and broken relationships if we are ourselves pushing into Christ and continue to grow. But at the end of the day, our goal is to be able to stand before the Lord and know that we did all we could to honor Him.

As you look at the "How Desire Takes Control" progression in the notes, where do you see that progression take place in your life? Trusting that the new growth of the Spirit will eventually push off dead old growth, where do you hope to see the Spirit move in you in order to free you from some of those traps?

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## THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)**
- **Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)**
- **Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)**
- **Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)**

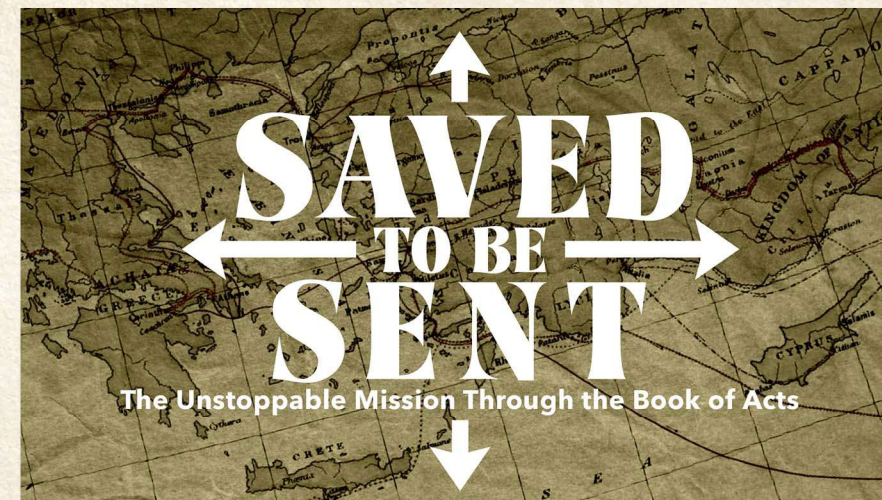
Father, be glorified in \_\_\_\_\_, let Your Kingdom and will be done, in and through \_\_\_\_\_ as it is in Heaven.

Give \_\_\_\_\_ daily bread, and thank You for Your forgiveness.  
Help \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive \_\_\_\_\_,  
because You are the One who has forgiven us.

Keep \_\_\_\_\_ eyes fixed on You and Your Word and promises  
so that \_\_\_\_\_ may not sin against You.  
Thank You for and help me trust Your sovereign love.



MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,  
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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