

The Idol of Control

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What is an idol?

- An idol is anything we _____ above God.
- An idol is anything we put our _____ in.

Isaiah 44:9 "Those who make idols are nothing and the things they treasure are worthless."

4 Questions to Discover the Idols in Your Life

1. What do I want most?
2. What do I think about the most?
3. What do I spend the most money on?
4. What do I spend the most free time doing?

One of the biggest idols we worship is the idol of control.

You can have **faith** or you can have _____, but you can't have both.

Matt 6:9-15 Jesus teaches us how to pray:
"Your kingdom come, your _____ be done..."

How do we defeat the idol of control in our life? Surrender = handing the pen of your life to God

God will continue to lead us to fork-in-the-road moments where we have to choose between what we want and what God wants.

John 21:18 "Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch-out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go...Follow me!"

(The Wheelbarrow Analogy)

NEXT STEPS Today during the message! If you would like to learn more about our church and how to get connected then join us just outside the sanctuary for week 1 of this four week class.

ENCASA NEWSLETTER Signup to Receive Our NTC Family church in Cali, Colombia now has a newsletter to keep you up to date on the Wardenaar family and EnCasa. Scan the QR code to sign up!



this week...

SENIORS GATHERING Today after the service Gather with other seniors at the Town Beach for a BBQ and conversation. For more information, see Bruce or Paula Beckstead.

CROSS CURRENT Service Tonight at 6pm Our 7th-12th graders gather each Sunday for a service specifically for their age group!

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP Monday at 6pm All young adults are invited to this group which meets every other week here at the church.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY Fridays at 9:30am Pray for our nation together every Friday morning here at the church.

MENS GROUP Saturdays at 8am All men are invited to this weekly group that meets here at the church on Saturday mornings!

coming up...

MARRIAGE MATTERS RIVER FLOAT Next Sunday in Winthrop Our Marriage Matters team is hosting their annual river-float. Gather at 973 Pickle Street at noon with a float. There will be a BBQ after to bring something to throw on the grill, a dish to pass, drinks, and lawn chairs.

CROSS CURRENT SUMMER CAMP August 14th-18th Our teens are headed back to Cape Cod this summer. You can get more information and register them by scanning the QR code to the right or going to the ChurchCenter App.



WATER BAPTISMS August 20th at the river! After the service on August 20th we will head to the river to stand with some folks as the follow Jesus in being water-baptized. There will be a class at 8am that morning to learn more. Sign up at the Connect Area in the lobby to be baptized!

FOURTH COAST COMPANIONS TRAINING September 13th at 10am If you are interested in joining this initiative to help our elderly neighbors to age in place then register for this one day training. It will go from 10am to 3pm and lunch will be provided.

