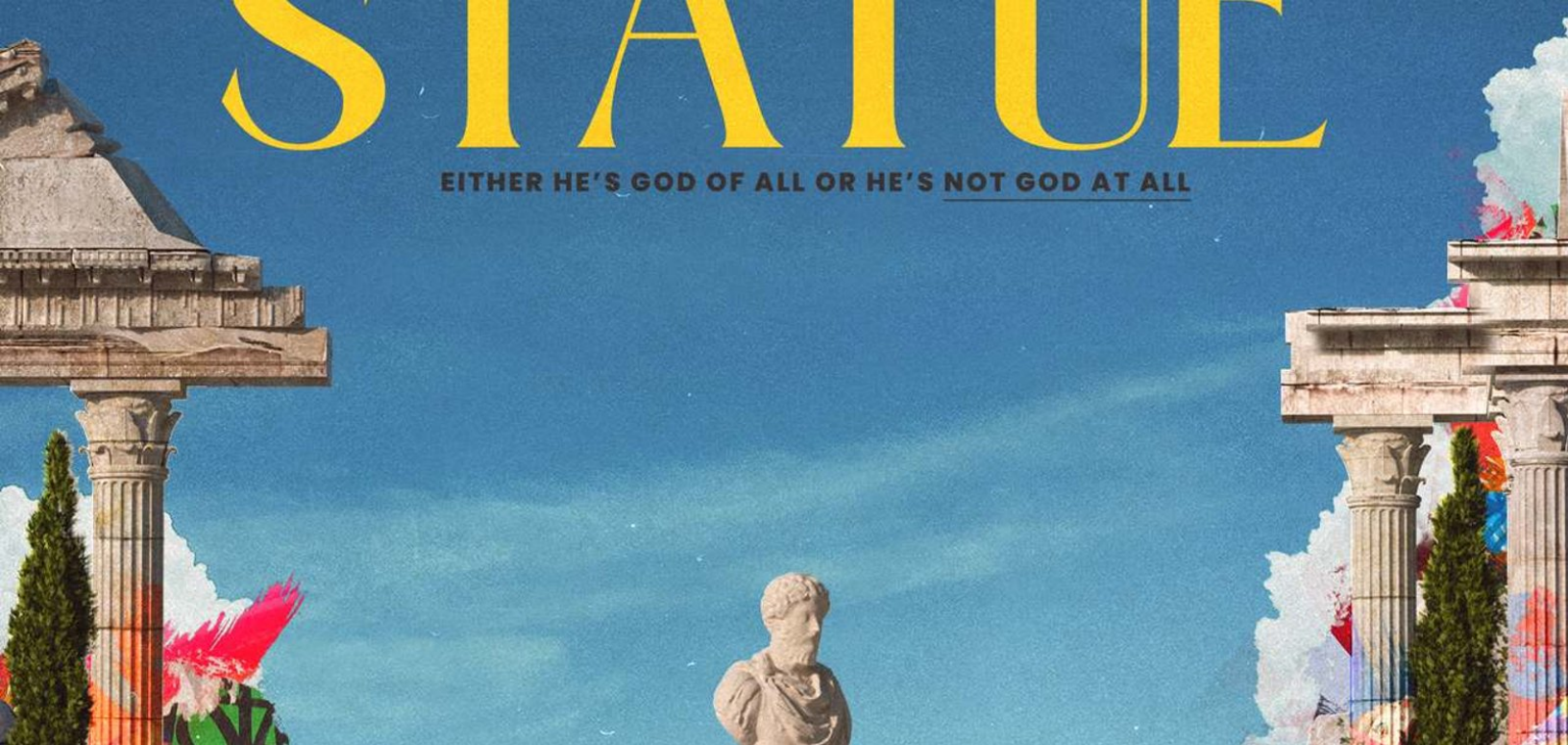




GODCHASERS CHURCH | PERSONAL GUIDE

Smash the Statue

February - March 2026 | 6 messages

"Whatever you don't tear down will eventually tie you down."

ANCHOR Isaiah 43:18-19 - Exodus 20:3-5

A WORD BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Israel waited forty days for Moses and built a god out of jewelry. We're not so different - impatience still builds idols, and whatever we don't tear down eventually ties us down. Six weeks of demolition, right into Palm Sunday. Read it with a hammer in your hand.

How to use this guide: one week at a time. Read the scripture slowly, let The Word preach, say the declaration out loud - actually out loud - and pray the prayer like you mean it. The lines at the end are yours.

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Watch every message, grab the wallpaper, and share the series from the Sermon Calendar.

WEEK 1 | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Smash the Statue (Exodus 32:1-8)

Impatience is an idol factory

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

- Matthew 6:21, KJV

Read also: Exodus 32:1-8 | Deuteronomy 8:18 | Matthew 6:21

THE WORD

The golden calf wasn't built by atheists. It was built by delivered people who got tired of waiting. Forty days of silence and they melted their earrings into something they could see. Idolatry usually isn't rebellion first - it's impatience first. Forgetting is always step one.

When revelation decreases, substitution increases. Whatever you reach for when God feels slow - that's your calf. It might be shiny. It might even be good. But if it's carrying the weight only God should carry, it's a statue.

Either He's Lord of all, or He's not Lord at all.

"Either he's Lord of all or he's not Lord at all."

REFLECT

1. Where does impatience tempt you to build a substitute for God?
2. 'When revelation decreases, substitution increases.' Where have you seen that?
3. What has God done for you that you're in danger of forgetting?

DECLARE THIS ALOUD

I will wait on God without building substitutes.

When heaven is quiet, my worship gets louder, not shorter.

I remember what God has done; forgetting is where idols start.

Either He's Lord of all, or He's not Lord at all.

LIVE IT THIS WEEK

Fast one substitute for seven days - the thing you reach for before you reach for God.

PRAYER

Lord, show me what I built while I was waiting on You. I'd rather stand in the silence with You than dance around a statue without You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WEEK 2 | SUNDAY, MARCH 1

The God of More (Judges 6:25)

The cure for more is not more

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

"No man can serve two masters... Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

- Matthew 6:24, KJV

Read also: Judges 6:25 | Matthew 6:24 | Philippians 4:19

THE WORD

Gideon's first assignment wasn't the battlefield. It was his own backyard - tear down your father's altar first. Before God would use him publicly, God dealt with what the family had been serving privately. Money is the family altar most of us inherited without a conversation.

Mammon's lie is simple: a little more will finally be enough. But the cure for more is only more - there is no satisfaction at the end of that road, just a bigger appetite. When you forget God is the source, you end up worshipping the resource.

El Shaddai means the God who is sufficient. Not the God who supplies your greed - the God who ends it.

"The cure for more is only more; there is no satisfaction."

REFLECT

1. Where does 'more' have a grip on you - money, stuff, status?
2. What's the difference between worshipping the source and worshipping the resource?
3. What would trusting El Shaddai - the God who is enough - change this month?

DECLARE THIS ALOUD

God is my source; everything else is a resource.

I serve God with money; I will not serve money with my life.

Enough is a Person, and I have Him.

The altar of more is torn down in my house.

LIVE IT THIS WEEK

Give something away this week that you'd normally keep.

PRAYER

Father, I tear down the family altar today. You are El Shaddai - the God who is enough. Teach my heart the difference between provision and possession. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WEEK 3 | SUNDAY, MARCH 8

The God of Me (2 Timothy 3:1-2)

The subtlest statue is in the mirror

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

- Luke 9:23, KJV

Read also: 2 Timothy 3:1-2 | Isaiah 14:13-14 | Luke 9:23

THE WORD

The first rebellion in the universe was five sentences long and every one of them started with 'I will.' Lucifer's original sin wasn't murder or theft - it was moving the center. My throne. My glory. Me.

Self-worship rarely looks like arrogance. It looks like anxiety about how you're perceived. It looks like a camera roll full of your own face and a calendar full of your own priorities. The statue is subtle because you don't bow to it - you check it, curate it, defend it.

The moon has no light of its own; its whole job is to reflect. Your job is not to look in the mirror. Your job is to be the mirror - angled at God, reflecting light you never generated.

"I don't have light of my own; my job is to reflect God's light like the moon."

REFLECT

1. Where is self quietly sitting at the center of your life?
2. What does it mean that we reflect light rather than produce it?
3. What's one way to move the mirror off yourself this week?

DECLARE THIS ALOUD

I am not the center; I am the reflection.

I deny myself daily, and I don't lose - I live.

My life is angled at God like a mirror at the sun.

The throne of my heart has one occupant, and it is not me.

LIVE IT THIS WEEK

Post nothing about yourself for a week; encourage someone else daily instead.

PRAYER

God, forgive me for the quiet ways I've made life about me. Re-center everything. Make me a moon - no light of my own, fully lit by Yours. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WEEK 4 | SUNDAY, MARCH 15

I Will Not Bow (Daniel 3)

Settled before the furnace

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

"Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us... But if not... we will not serve thy gods."

- Daniel 3:17-18, KJV

Read also: Daniel 3:1-28 | Mark 4:35-41

THE WORD

Three Hebrew boys stood in front of the most powerful man alive and said the two most dangerous words in the Bible: 'but if not.' Their conviction wasn't contingent on the outcome. God is able - and even if He chooses not to, we're still not bowing.

That's the settled-ness this whole series has been driving at. God will never change His identity, but He will change His activity - sometimes He calms the storm, sometimes He walks you through the fire. Your job isn't to predict which. Your job is to refuse the statue either way.

Write your own 'even if' sentence. Mean it before the furnace, so you don't have to negotiate inside it.

"God will never change His identity, but He will change His activity."

REFLECT

1. The three Hebrews said 'even if He doesn't.' What's your 'even if'?
2. Where are you feeling pressure to bow - peers, persona, opinions?
3. How does conviction survive when God changes His activity but not His identity?

DECLARE THIS ALOUD

My God is able - and even if He does not, I will not bow.

My conviction is not contingent on my outcome.

I don't look like what I've been through.

There is a fourth Man in my fire.

LIVE IT THIS WEEK

Write your 'even if' sentence and share it with one person.

PRAYER

Lord, settle me before the pressure comes. Give me an 'even if' faith - the kind that doesn't renegotiate in the heat. You were in the furnace then; You are in mine now. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Don't Bury It, Break It (Joshua 7)

What you bury still belongs to the enemy

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Read: Joshua 7:1-10 | Joshua 8:1-2

THE WORD

Achan took what was devoted to destruction, buried it under his tent, and a whole nation lost a battle they should have won. Here's the uncomfortable math of Joshua 7: hidden things don't stay personal. What one man buried, everyone paid for.

We bury what we feel entitled to. That's the tell. If something truly belonged to you, you wouldn't have to hide it. Entitlement whispers that you've earned an exception - one habit, one grudge, one secret compartment God doesn't get to open.

Don't bury it. Break it. Burial preserves; breaking releases. God's next move for you is on the other side of the thing under the tent.

"What we feel entitled to, we will bury or hide instead of break."

REFLECT

1. Achan buried what he felt entitled to. What do we bury instead of break?
2. Why is entitlement so hard to see in ourselves?
3. What would breaking it - not hiding it - actually require?

DECLARE THIS ALOUD

I have no buried treasure the enemy can claim.

If I have to hide it, it was never mine.

I break what I used to bury.

Gratitude guards my heart against entitlement.

LIVE IT THIS WEEK

Name the buried thing to God out loud this week - that's how breaking starts.

PRAYER

Father, dig up my tent floor. Whatever I've hidden and called harmless, I hand it over broken, not buried. I want the whole camp blessed, starting with my own house. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Why Idols Are Killing You!

Dagon always falls; the only question is when

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

- Matthew 6:33, KJV

Read also: 1 Samuel 5:1-5 | Matthew 6:33

THE WORD

The Philistines put the ark of God in Dagon's temple, and every morning they found their statue face-down on the floor. They kept propping it back up. That's the exhausting math of idolatry: God plus anything is a net negative, because God will subtract Himself rather than share the room.

An idol is anything that competes with God for allegiance, affection, or devotion. Not just bad things - unranked things. Good gifts promoted above the Giver.

So here's the final question of the series, and it deserves a real answer: what's your Dagon? Stop propping it up. Let it fall, and let it stay down.

"God plus anything is a net negative; God will subtract Himself."

REFLECT

1. 'God plus anything is a net negative.' Where has an idol cost you?
2. What competes hardest with God for your allegiance, affection, or devotion?
3. What's your Buddha - and what would smashing it look like today?

DECLARE THIS ALOUD

**God shares the room with no rival.
Every Dagon in my life is face-down and staying down.
I seek first the kingdom - everything else is 'added.'
The statue is smashed, and I will not rebuild it.**

LIVE IT THIS WEEK

Smash one statue this week: cancel it, delete it, sell it, or confess it.

PRAYER

God, You've been patient while I propped up things You'd already knocked over. I'm done rebuilding what You rejected. Have the whole room. In Jesus' name, Amen.