

# Overcoming the “Me Monster”

<sup>3</sup> Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

<sup>4</sup> Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,



# Idolatry



<sup>36</sup> They served their idols, Which became  
a snare to them.

<sup>37</sup> They even sacrificed their sons And  
their daughters to demons,

<sup>38</sup> And shed innocent blood, The blood of  
their sons and daughters, Whom they  
sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the  
land was polluted with blood.

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"Son of man, these leaders have set up idols in their hearts.

They have embraced things that will make them fall into sin. Why should I listen to their requests?

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<sup>19</sup> "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

<sup>20</sup> "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

<sup>21</sup> "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



# IDOL FACTORY

Idol: Anything more important to you  
than God.



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<sup>16</sup>Now while Paul waited for them (Silas and Timothy) at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols.

# Idolatry



<sup>23</sup> And about that time there arose a great commotion about the Way. <sup>24</sup> For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, brought no small profit to the craftsmen. <sup>25</sup> He called them together with the workers of similar occupation, and said: "Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this trade.



# Idolatry

*Idols*

<sup>26</sup> "Moreover you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods which are made with hands.

<sup>27</sup> "So not only is this trade of ours in danger of falling into disrepute, but also the temple of the great goddess Diana may be despised and her magnificence destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worship."

# Idolatry



<sup>28</sup> Now when they heard this, they were full of wrath and cried out, saying, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

<sup>29</sup> So the whole city was filled with confusion, and rushed into the theater with one accord,

# Miniature replica of reimagined Temple of Diana/Artemis in Ephesus





I AM THE LORD THY GOD  
THOU SHALT HAVE NO  
OTHER GODS BEFORE ME  
THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO  
THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE  
THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE  
NAME OF THE LORD THY  
GOD IN VAIN  
REMEMBER THE SABBATH  
DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY

HONOUR THY FATHER AND  
THY MOTHER  
THOU SHALT NOT KILL  
THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT  
ADULTERY  
THOU SHALT NOT STEAL  
THOU SHALT NOT BEAR  
FALSE WITNESS  
THOU SHALT NOT COVET



# Replacing Idols

*Idols*

<sup>13</sup> And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, <sup>14</sup> having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.