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"Dear Children, keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts." 1 John 5:21

For forty days and forty nights, Moses was on Mount Sinai. In addition to the Ten Commandments, God gave Moses instructions on offerings, how to build the tabernacle, the clothing for the priests, how the priests would be dedicated, who would build the tabernacle, and how they were to keep the Sabbath.

Meanwhile, back at the farm, Israel was growing impatient.

Finally deciding that Moses wasn't coming back, they gathered around Aaron. "Up," they said, "Make us gods, which shall go before us. We don't know what happened to Moses, who brought us up out of the land of Egypt" (Exodus 32:1).

So, Aaron gathered gold from the people and molded it into a golden calf. The people were excited about their new god who had taken the place of the One True God. They even worshipped it as if it were God Himself.

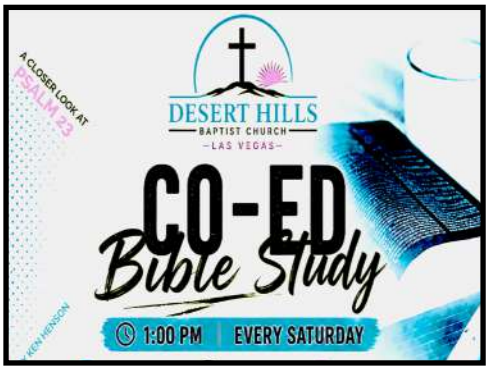
It's easy for you and me to read this story and see how ridiculous it is. How could they allow a golden calf to take God's place in their hearts? Yet hundreds of years later, John is writing to the church, urging God's people to keep away from anything that might take God's place in our hearts.

Our golden calves may not be so obvious, but anything that we revere more than God is an idol taking the place in our hearts that rightfully belongs to Him. Relationships can become idols. Work can be an idol. Family can be an idol. Hobbies. Interests. Music. Sports. These can all become "golden calves" if we are not careful.

You see, God doesn't just want to be at the top of your list; He wants to be the only One on it.











Sunday 11/1
8:45 am
***Choir / Music Practice**
9:30 am - 10:30 am
***Sunday School -**
ALL Ages
10:40 am
***Worship Service**
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
***Christmas Play Rehearsal**

Wednesday 11/4
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
(Members only)
***Prayer Warriors**
6:30 pm

Thursday 11/5
5:00 pm
***Choir Practice**
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
***Christmas Play Rehearsal**

Saturday 11/7
9:00 am - 11:00 am
***Evangelism**
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
***Co-Ed Bible Study**

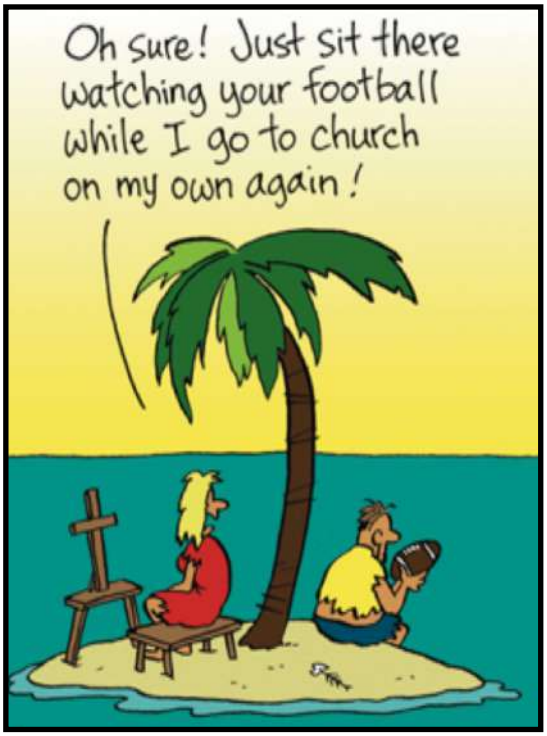
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Mon, Tues, Thurs
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Wednesday
12:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Friday
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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