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WHEN DOES SATAN WIN?

Jeremiah 8:1-10:25



**MAIN
POINT**

When Satan wins, the Kingdom suffers.

1 PETER 5:8 (NIV)

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

RELATIONSHIPS

INDIFFERENCE CAREER

HOBBIES OVER-COMMITMENT

DATING **BUSYNESS**

MIXED ENTERTAINMENT
PRIORITIES JEALOUSY

STUBBORNNESS

SKATEBOARDING

Didn't happen all at once but slowly over time, until they had no true spiritual life left. They had blended into culture so much; they didn't even know they were far from God.

JEREMIAH 8:1-3 (NIV)

"At that time, declares the Lord, the bones of the kings and officials of Judah, the bones of the priests and prophets,

JEREMIAH 8:1-3 (NIV)

and the bones of the people of Jerusalem
will be removed from their graves.

JEREMIAH 8:1-3 (NIV)

2 They will be exposed to the sun and the moon and all the stars of the heavens, which they have loved and served

JEREMIAH 8:1-3 (NIV)

and which they have followed and consulted and worshiped.

JEREMIAH 8:1-3 (NIV)

They will not be gathered up or buried,
but will be like dung lying on the ground.

JEREMIAH 8:1-3 (NIV)

3 Wherever I banish them, all the survivors of this evil nation will prefer death to life, declares the Lord Almighty.'

God didn't want to do this; they chose to have Him do this with their continual disobedience.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Has there ever been a time when we pushed God far enough, where He could be close to saying of us – enough is enough?

Have you ever drifted from God? What safeguards have you put in your life to make sure this doesn't happen? (It happens slowly, until we like Judah, look just like the culture around us.)

JEREMIAH 8:4-9 (NIV)

4 "Say to them, 'This is what the Lord says:
"'When people fall down, do they not get up?

JEREMIAH 8:4-9 (NIV)

When someone turns away, do they not return?

JEREMIAH 8:4-9 (NIV)

5 Why then have these people turned away?
Why does Jerusalem always turn away?

JEREMIAH 8:4-9 (NIV)

They cling to deceit; they refuse to return. 6 I have listened attentively, but they do not say what is right.

JEREMIAH 8:4-9 (NIV)

None of them repent of their wickedness, saying,
"What have I done?"

JEREMIAH 8:4-9 (NIV)

Each pursues their own course like a horse charging into battle.

JEREMIAH 8:4-9 (NIV)

7 Even the stork in the sky knows her appointed seasons, and the dove, the swift and the thrush observe the time of their migration.

JEREMIAH 8:4-9 (NIV)

But my people do not know the requirements of the Lord.

JEREMIAH 8:4-9 (NIV)

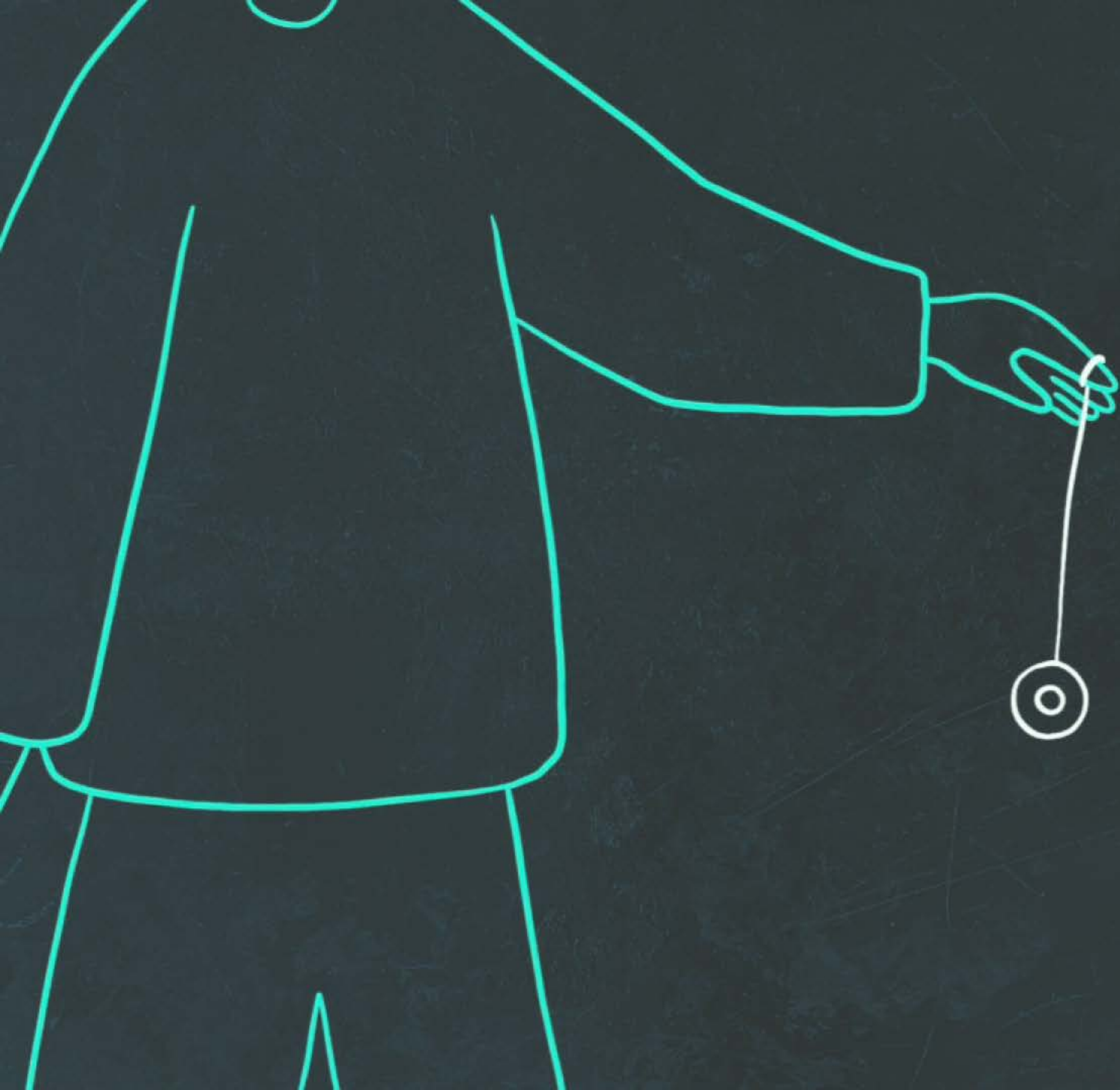
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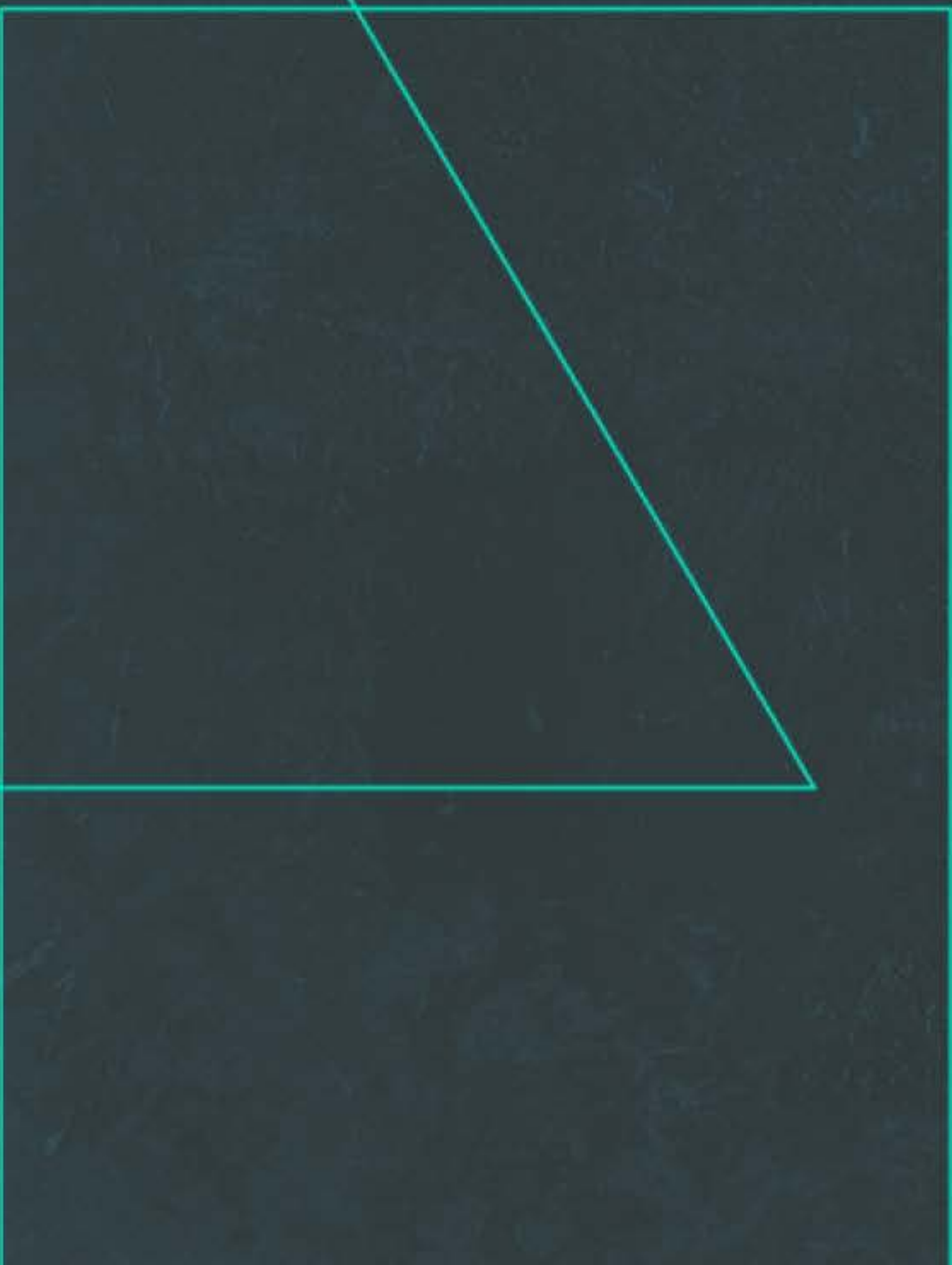
JEREMIAH 8:4-9 (NIV)

9 The wise will be put to shame;
they will be dismayed and trapped.

JEREMIAH 8:4-9 (NIV)

Since they have rejected the word of the Lord,
what kind of wisdom do they have?





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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Forgiven people can still come to church with wrong motives and bring God insincere worship. What kind of worship did you bring Jesus today?

JEREMIAH 8:8 (NIV)

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1

When does Satan **WIN**?

When God's Word is not the "standard", there is no standard anymore, and anything can be truth.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How easy is it for us to drown out the voice of God? Have you ever asked, how in the world can a believer act like that and think it is ok? Or better yet ask that question of ourselves. How could I have ever gotten myself to this place, involved in behavior like this?

DUANE GARRETT

"We should feel good that we feel sad about our sin,
because it means our God is at work in our lives."

CHARLES SPURGEON

"If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell
over our dead bodies."

CHARLES SPURGEON

And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay.

CHARLES SPURGEON

If Hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go unwarned and unprayed for."

ACTS 26:28-29 (NIV)

28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?"

ACTS 26:28-29 (NIV)

²⁹ Paul replied, "Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am,

ACTS 26:28-29 (NIV)
except for these chains."

2

How we boast shows how much we **FEAR GOD**.

JEREMIAH 9:23 (NIV)

This is what the Lord says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches,

The God they once loved and worshiped was now in their minds smaller than the gods they carved and created.

JEREMIAH 9:24 (NIV)

but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have
the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord,

JEREMIAH 9:24 (NIV)

who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth,
for in these I delight," declares the Lord.

STEVEN SMITH

"So, the idea behind boasting is what you project, what you want people to perceive about you. This is your boast."

STEVEN SMITH

Someone who has been close to God
has a sense of perspective.

STEVEN SMITH

They know exactly how small they are compared to God.
No one brags in God's presence."

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Has something gone haywire in our thinking here on earth where we have elevated ourselves and our worth, thinking that we could do, or accomplish anything apart from God's great mercy, love, and blessing on us?

How can this happen to us today?

1 CORINTHIANS 1:28-31 (NIV)

28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things
—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are,

1 CORINTHIANS 1:28-31 (NIV)

²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—

1 CORINTHIANS 1:28-31 (NIV)

that is, our righteousness, holiness, and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

STEVEN SMITH

"God is not satisfied with us
until we are satisfied with His Presence.

STEVEN SMITH

God's greatest desire for us is for Him to be our greatest desire.
He wants intimacy and nothing less."

3

It is the craving of a god, not
the **CARVING** that is a sin.

DUANE GARRETT

"Carving a statue is not a sin in itself; it is the craving for a god which we created that is offensive to the only true God."

JEREMIAH 10:1-2 (NIV)

Hear what the Lord says to you, people of Israel.
2 This is what the Lord says:

JEREMIAH 10:1-2 (NIV)

"Do not learn the ways of the nations or be terrified by signs in the heavens, though the nations are terrified by them.

JEREMIAH 10:8 (NIV)

They are all senseless and foolish;
they are taught by worthless wooden idols.

SELF DEGREES

POWER PLEASURE

CAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

POSSESSIONS

BODY HOUSE SPOTS

BEAUTIFUL RETIREMENT

INTELLIGENCE

WEALTH

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

What is that thing, that one part of your life that you chase after most; that one item that occupies your thoughts and desires? Is it under control?

Could it become a god to you?

Is there something in my life I give myself to that keeps me from giving myself to Jesus completely? If I stood before God today, what would He say it was?

ROMANS 12:2 (NIV)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

ROMANS 12:2 (NIV)

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—
his good, pleasing, and perfect will.

What do you think about this thought?

The crazy thing about idol worship is it's twisted.

God allows us to create beautiful things and accomplish incredible feats but often rather than worshipping the God who allowed us to do all these things we worship what was created.