

# We all bow

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Often, when I hear God, I look at my life and allow his Holy Spirit to search me, then bring confession and repentance to him. I have to say lately, God has been speaking to me on the issue of worship. And I know why. My people, he says, have made me different from I AM. They have turned in worship of things created by hands.

We are too civilized nowadays to set up things we bow to. We bow though.

- We bow to success
- We bow to sports
- We bow to food
- We bow to cars
- We bow to relationships
- We bow to shoes
- We bow to our own self

Exodus 20:3 and Deuteronomy 5:7 both say, “*You shall have no other gods before me.*”

I have noticed how easy it is in my life to remove God from his place while replacing him with my children or **whatever else. It’s sly the way good things become bad things. How a job that’s good becomes my life. It’s sly how good food become bad when it has all my attention. It’s wicked how family becomes bad when I fear them more than God. It’s devious how my iPhone takes over when I panic at not seeing it. Our enemy is sly in his attack. I have to be on the lookout.**

I wonder, friends, if you notice the one-degree shift that will derail your entire ship too. Will you join me with the Holy Spirit on the lookout? Let us together run with eyes focused on Jesus Christ towards his heart.

Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry (1 Corinthians 10:14).

**May 20, 2018**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Psalm 51:10-15**

**Sermon Notes:**

**Psalm 51:1-15**

## **1. David prayed for God to**

**\_\_\_\_\_ in him a new \_\_\_\_\_**

**Psalm 24:3-4**

**Matthew 15:15-20**

**Isaiah 64:6**

## **2. David prayed for God to**

**\_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit**

**within him**

## **3. David prayed for God to**

**\_\_\_\_\_ to him the \_\_\_\_\_ of**

**God’s salvation**

**1 John 2:2**

**Acts 2:38**

**Isaiah 1:18**

**Ephesians 2:8**

## **4. David prayed for God to**

**\_\_\_\_\_ him willing to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Psalm 51:13-15**

**Acts 8:18-21**

**Reflection:** What is one new thing you believe God spoke to you today as a result of worshipping at FOCUS? Are you in need of a “new heart” today? Have you repented of your sin, and sought the Holy Spirit’s work in and on your life? How might God use your past failures for future ministry?

The Word of God directs us as we consider what the **next step** is for our lives. What is your next step?

**Challenge:** This week I will pray for the following area of need in our nation:

### ***Communion at FOCUS***

Every Sunday at FOCUS we celebrate the **Lord's Table, also known as Communion.** We have open communion which means all are invited to receive. We receive communion elements by intinction. Tearing off a small piece of the loaf of bread, dipping it in the communion glass of juice, and then consuming it immediately. Please note, upon your request, we also have gluten free elements for those with gluten and other major food allergies.

### ***30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World***

Beginning May 15, and ending June 14 is Ramadan this year. During that same time frame, there is a world-wide call to prayer for Christians on behalf of Muslims around the globe. Our prayer is this, while Muslims are seeking to have encounters with Allah, that they would encounter Jesus. Will you join with us in prayer?

### ***FOCUS Youth Group - tonight 6:30 - 8 PM***

### ***Wednesday Night Meal***

We would like to invite you and your family to join us for supper this Wednesday. The meal will be served from 5:30-6:30 PM. All ages are invited and welcome!



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