

The Sanctuary Fellowship
Spring 2023

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Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

1 Corinthians 2:11

For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God....

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What are some hidden idols in Scripture?

Annanias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)

Disciples about sitting at Christ's left and right
(Mk. 10:35-45)

Elijah- 1 Kg 19:1-14

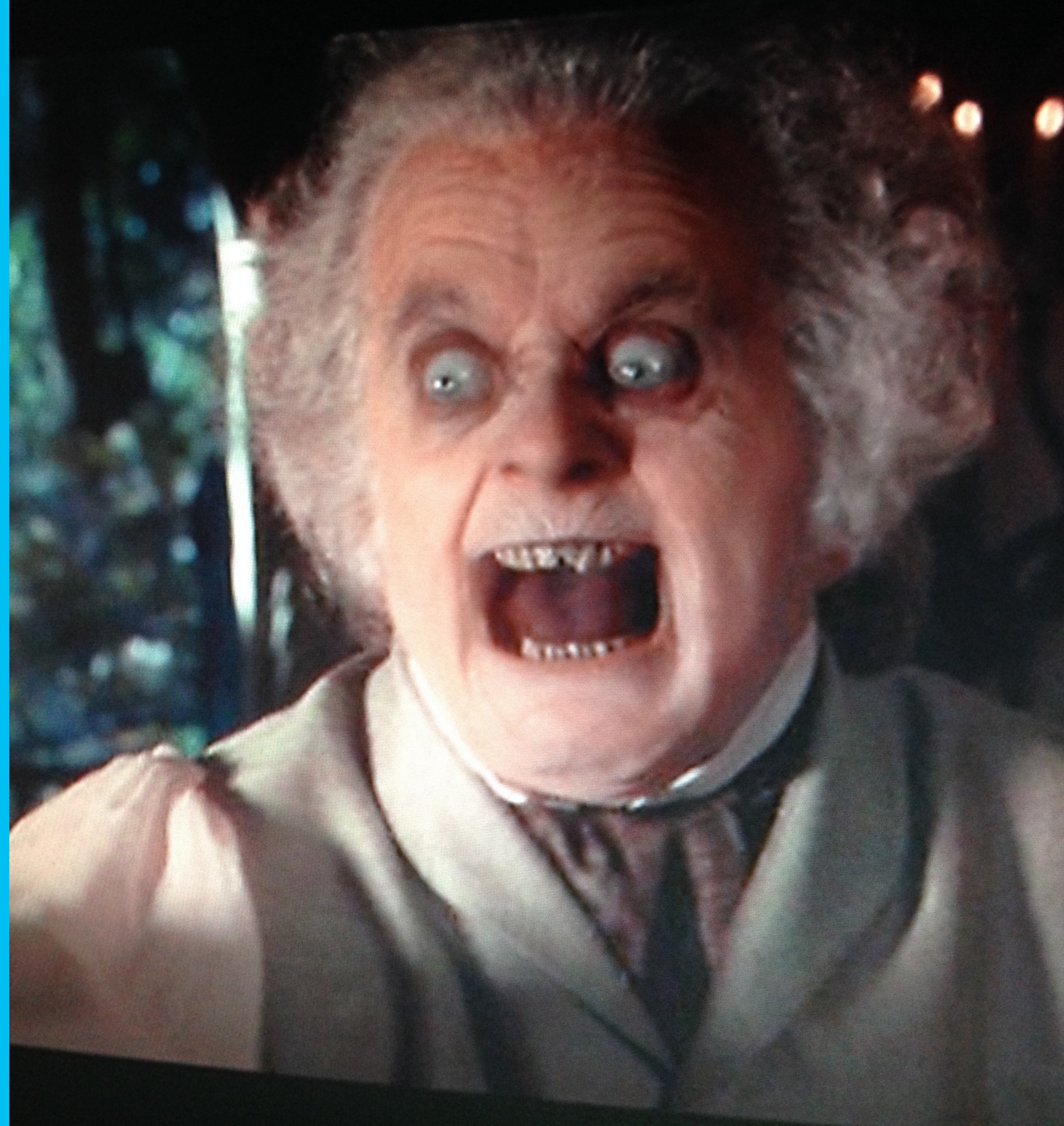
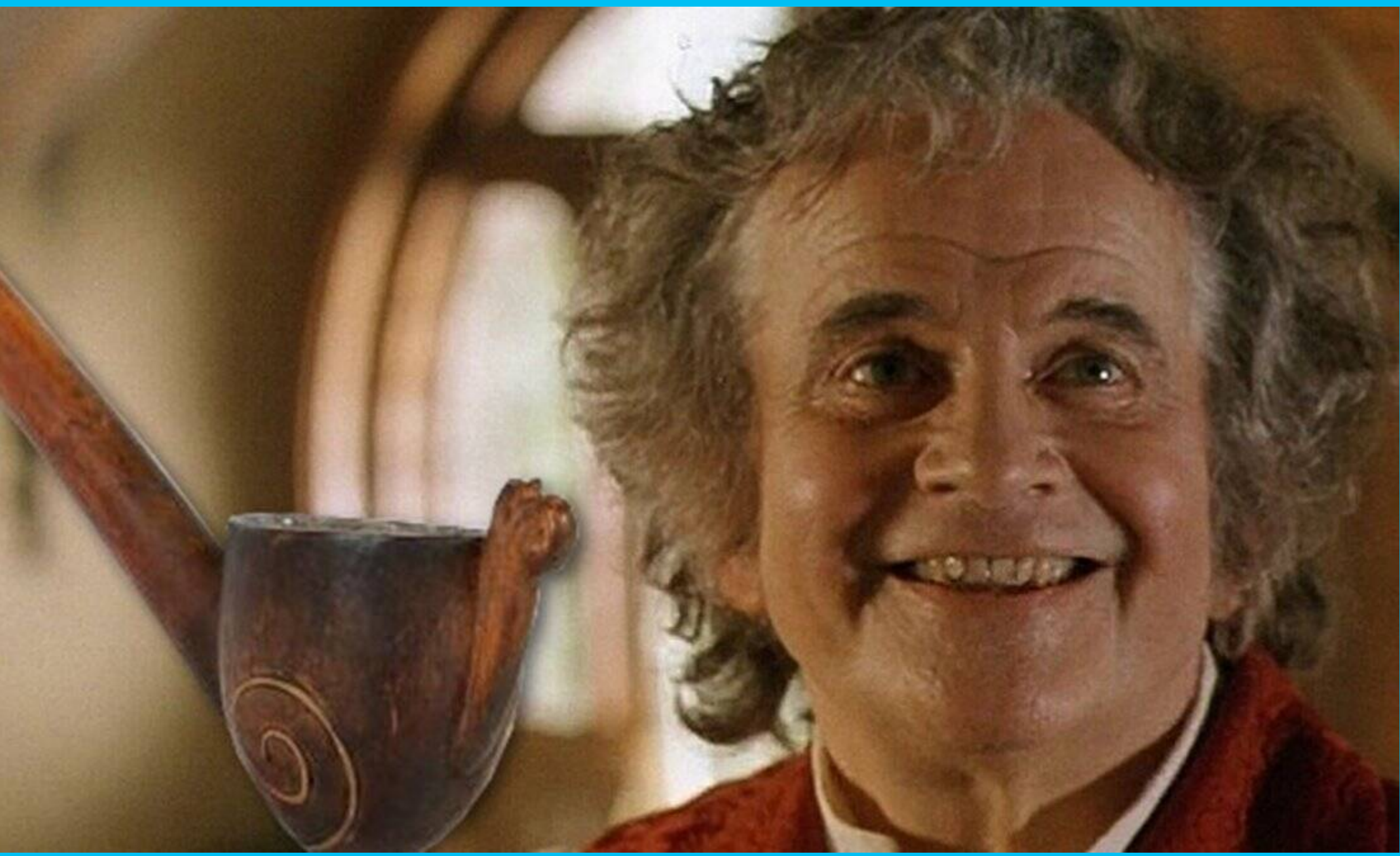
Rich Young Ruler- Mt. 19:16-22

Sadducees and Pharisees

Samson- Jg 13-16

Rachel- Gen.31:26-35

Jude 9













**One Ring to rule them all, One Ring to find them,
One Ring to bring them all and in the darkness bind them.**



What are some of the hidden idols Keller points out?



Small Group Discussion:

Discuss the first paragraph on p. 132; particularly “...the default mode of the human heart is to seek to control God and others through our moral performance.”

Discuss questions:

3- p. 136

5- p. 139

7- pp. 143-144

8- pp. 144-145

9- pp 147-148

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1 John 5:21

“Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.”

Why do we turn to idols?

What is most likely to invade your life and inhibit living for Christ and others?

Has something/someone besides Jesus Christ taken the title of your heart's trust, loyalty, fears, delight? How can you start to deal with it as an idol?

What rules my motivation; the Lord or a substitute?

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1 John 5:21- Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

Social - 2:15-17

Psychological- 4:1-6

Demon/Spiritual- 3:7-10

Ezekiel 14:1-8- why should you avoid idolatry and root out hidden idols?

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Dear Lord-

I want to want You more than anything. But I stumble over all the other things I want more. Make my heart willing to cut them off and cast them down. Speak to my heart today. Give me the eyes to see what idols I have made in my heart, and then give me the courage to lay them at your feet. In the powerful name of Jesus, Amen

(adapted from 40 Day Sugar Fast)