

# Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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## MODERN IDOLS COMFORT

**Genesis 2:18** "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

**Revelation 21:4** "He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

**Revelation 21:3** "I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, 'Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them.'"

### 1. Comfort is a good gift from a loving Father

**Matthew 6:31-33 (NLT)** <sup>31</sup> "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup> These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. <sup>33</sup> Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."

**Psalms 4:8 (NLT)** "In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe."

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NLT)** **God Offers Comfort to All** <sup>3</sup> "All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. <sup>4</sup> He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us."

**James 1:17 (NIV)** "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. Every good gift is from above. David repeats this idea often."

**Psalms 16:2 (NLT)** "I said to the Lord, 'You are my Master! Every good thing I have comes from you.'"

**Genesis 2:9 (NLT)** "The Lord God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit..."

**Ecclesiastes 9:7 (NLT)** "So go ahead. Eat your food with joy, and drink your wine with a happy heart, for God approves of this!"

**Ecclesiastes 3:13 (NLT)** "And people should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God."

### 2. We worship the gift instead of the gift giver.

**Philippians 3:19 (NLT)** "They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth."

**Romans 1:25 (NLT)** *25 They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen.*

## How To Tell When a Good Thing Becomes An Idol

### A. Will I sin to get it?

**2 Samuel 11:1-3 (NLT)** *David and Bathsheba* *In the spring of the year, when kings normally go out to war, David sent Joab and the Israelite army to fight the Ammonites. They destroyed the Ammonite army and laid siege to the city of Rabbah. However, David stayed behind in Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> Late one afternoon, after his midday rest, David got out of bed and was walking on the roof of the palace. As he looked out over the city, he noticed a woman of unusual beauty taking a bath. <sup>3</sup> He sent someone to find out who she was, and he was told, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite."*

### B. Will I sin if I don't get it?

**Exodus 16:2-3 (NLT)** <sup>2</sup> *"There, too, the whole community of Israel complained about Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup> 'If only the Lord had killed us back in Egypt,' they moaned. 'There we sat around pots filled with meat and ate all the bread we wanted. But now you have brought us into this wilderness to starve us all to death.'"*

**Ephesians 4:21-23 (NLT)** <sup>21</sup> *"Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, <sup>22</sup> throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. <sup>23</sup> Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.*

### 3. Comfort is a gift not a right

**Job 1:21 (NLT)** *"He said, 'I came naked from my mother's womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away. Praise the name of the Lord!'"*

### 4. It's all God's anyway

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**1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NLT)** <sup>19</sup> *"Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, <sup>20</sup> for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body."*

**Hosea 13:5-6 (NLT)** <sup>5</sup> *"I took care of you in the wilderness, in that dry and thirsty land. <sup>6</sup> But when you had eaten and were satisfied, you became proud and forgot me."*

**John 14:26 (AMP)** <sup>26</sup> *"But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you."*