



CLEARANCE OF THE PAST AND CONSECRATION

#5 Day 2 – The Idols
– Removing
Distractions



"Little children, keep yourselves away from idols." — 1 John 5 : 21
(GNT)

"Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts."
— (NLT)



A photograph of a person kneeling in a dark room, facing a bright light source from behind. The person's hands are clasped in prayer. In front of them on the floor lies a smartphone, its screen glowing brightly. A power cord is visible, running from the phone to an outlet on the wall. The scene is dramatically lit, with the person and the phone being the primary light sources.

The Phone That Talked

My phone kept calling
me even when God
was."

"Some idols don't
stand on tables — they
sit in our hands."

What Is an Idol?

An idol is anything you love, trust, or obey more than God."

"It can be a thing, a dream, a person, or even yourself.



TYPES OF IDOLS TODAY



Mind & Heart

Pride / Worry / Fear



Material

Money / Job / Phone /
Clothes



Relationship

People / Popularity /
Family more than God



Habits

Addictions /
Entertainment / Laziness
Superstition



Spiritual

Charms / Horoscopes /
Crystals / Superstition

An idol is not always a statue — it can be something you trust too much.

Scripture Truth

"You must not have any other god but Me." — Exodus 20 : 3 (NLT)

"Do not make for yourselves images to worship." — Leviticus 26 : 1 (GNT)



Why We Hold On to Idols

Idols make us feel safe
— but keep us stuck.

God asks for our
whole heart — not a
crowded one.





How to Remove Distractions

Name your idol.

Confess it to God.

Break its power —
delete, step away, unplug.

Replace it with
worship and purpose.

WHY CLEAR THEM AWAY?

Reason to Clear Idols	Why It Matters	Spiritual Replacement
1 They replace God	Idols take God's first place in our heart	 Put God first in every decision 
2 They control us	We become slaves to what we love most	 Serve God in freedom 
3 They cannot save us	Idols promise joy but bring emptiness	 Seek joy in Jesus only 
4 They block blessing	God cannot fill a cluttered heart	 Clear space for His Spirit 
5 They deceive quietly	They seem harmless but grow strong	 Stay alert – guard your heart

Spiritual clearance is not about loss – it's about making room for God's best.

Reflection Verse

"We must get rid of everything that slows us down and the sin that so easily holds us back." — Hebrews 12 : 1 (GNT)

"Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us." — (NLT)



My Heart Check

What fills your time
more than God?





My Heart Check

Would you give it
up if He asked?

Closing Thought

When we remove the
idol, we find the real
God.

Empty hands can
finally receive.

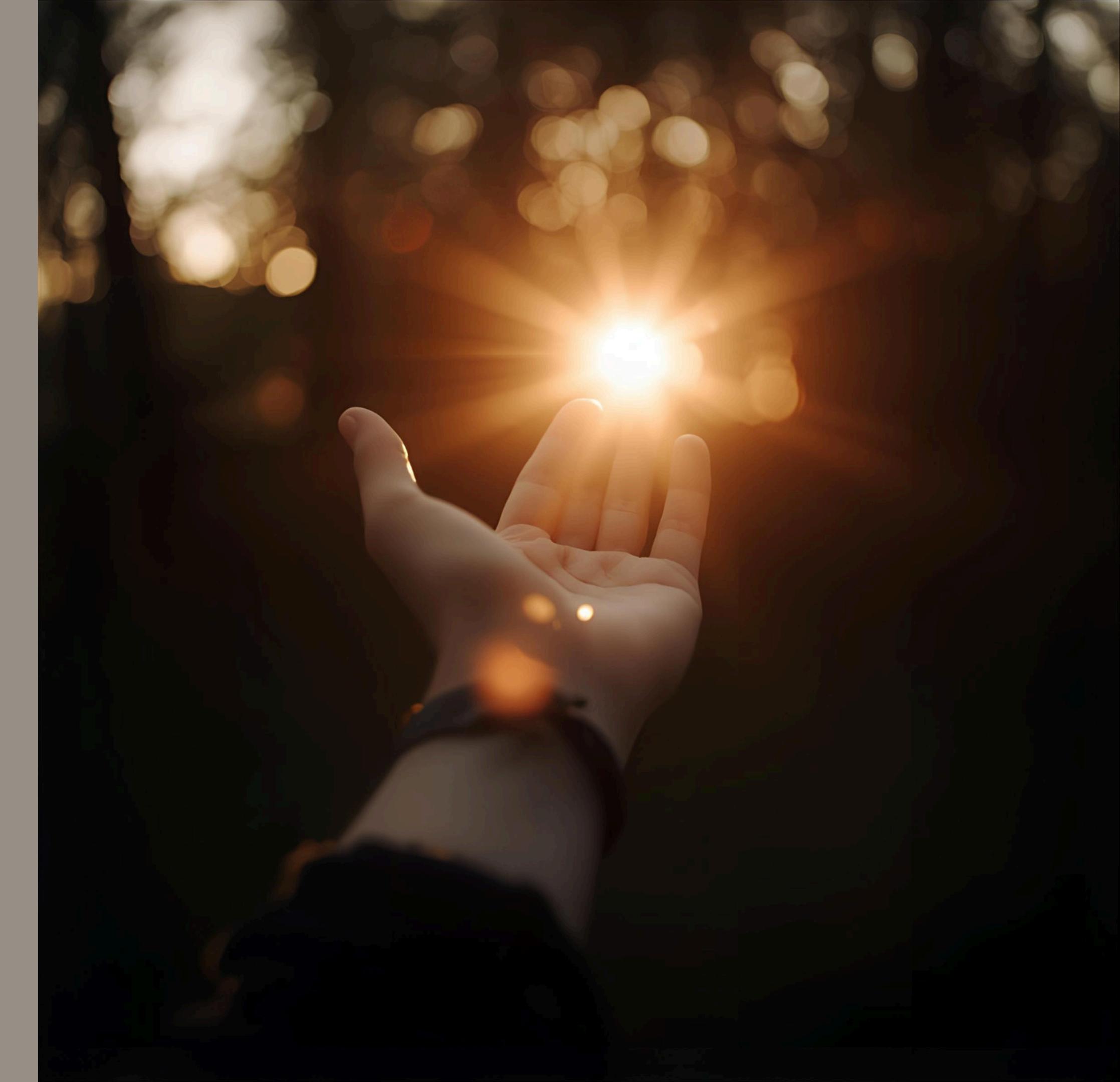


Closing Prayer

Lord, show me
anything that has
taken Your place.

I lay it down
today.

Be my first love
again." Amen.





see YOU
TOMORROW

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#5 Day 3 – Zacchaeus
– Making Things Right

