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Message Title: The Trap of Lesser Gods

Book Content, “At the Crossroads”: Chapters eight and nine

This weeks memory challenge: John 7:37-39 *On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.*

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‡ **False belief #1:** Pain is BAD, I need to protect myself from it

False belief #2: My well-being depends on meeting others EXPECTATIONS

Truth! My well-being is in CHRIST and comes from living by GRACE, not by keeping the LAW

‡ **False belief #3:** Fulfillment of my CORE needs can be found in a source other than GOD

‡ The important concept of *dependency*.

As human beings, we all share the core needs of SECURITY and SIGNIFICANCE

Security:

Significance:

What are other core needs?

† As people, where (or to whom) do we look to meet these core needs?

Of all these ‘need suppliers’ how many are external, how many could possibly stop meeting my needs, and how many do you ultimately control?

What happens when a source of dependency stops meeting my needs?

Reality! Dependence, INdependence, and INTERdependence all set us up to fail.

† Reality! *The greatest deception in relationships is that someone, something, or some activity other than God can be the source to meet our core and truest needs.*

True Belief #3: JESUS is the key to my needs being met; He is the source!

Philippians 4:12-19

John 15:4-5

† Okay, but how does Jesus meet my needs?

John 7:37-39

Galatians 5:22-26

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