



No Other Gods – Week One Facebook Chat Notes

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[Jun 26 2012, 11:07 PM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: TIP: You can click the icon in the bottom right under this screen, hover and it says "popout" and you can see this in full-screen mode.

[Jun 27 2012, 12:58 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Everyone be sure to have your study and any notes handy, I'll be referencing pages to answer questions.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:00 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Evening everyone! Here we go!!!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:01 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: I will post the question here for you , but it is also Listed at the top of the Facebook Chat page.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:01 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Q1: What was your reaction when you read the definition of idols on page 13? What were your first thoughts? How did it open up your personal view of the idols in your life?

[Jun 27 2012, 1:02 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Here is the definition: Most of us think of an idol as a statue of wood, stone, or metal worshiped by pagan people, In biblical terms, it is something other than God that we set our heart on, that motivates us, that masters and rules us, or that we trust, fear or serve.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:02 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: For me, I realized that an idol isn't just something material or even tangible. Mine is emotional. Never thought about it that way before.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:02 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: *chirp*

[Jun 27 2012, 1:03 AM] Rebecca Ingram Powell: I think it's the emotional ones that are the most hard to shake!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:03 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: The word functional god was pretty new to me because I never thought of dedicating myself to my work and not leaving enough time for god was really my functional god.



[Jun 27 2012, 1:03 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: I agree, because it is about a "feeling" not something you can remove from your life physically.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:03 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: *God

[Jun 27 2012, 1:03 AM] Rebecca Ingram Powell: So true, Ivette.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:04 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: Yes, it

[Jun 27 2012, 1:04 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: it hard thinking about HOW to get control over this

[Jun 27 2012, 1:04 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Tonia, I agree.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:04 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: your right on that Tonia sometimes one gets distracted from what we really would like to feel too

[Jun 27 2012, 1:05 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: It really struck me that it is something that masters or rules us and that we serve, and that it can be something that in moderation is good but it's our response to it that make it an idol.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:05 AM] Rebecca Ingram Powell: It is so easy to lose our balance, and to easily go from moderation to excess

[Jun 27 2012, 1:05 AM] Free: The definition rang true for me. The minute I read it, I nodded and said, "Yes, that's it!".

[Jun 27 2012, 1:06 AM] Free: Esp the functional part

[Jun 27 2012, 1:06 AM] Jessi Whitt: For me, it brought home the fact that idols aren't just these ancient little statues that the Israelites worshipped when they thought God has abandoned them.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:06 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: I felt the same why like you Guest

[Jun 27 2012, 1:06 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: @Rebecca, I agree and one person may be able to enjoy something in moderation while for someone else it becomes an idol.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:06 AM] Clarice Wagner: For me, it opened my eyes to just how many idols I have in my life, things I set my heart on and motivates me.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:06 AM] Free: And my mind/thoughts went immediately to the one I struggle with.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:07 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: I felt kind of guilty too

[Jun 27 2012, 1:07 AM] Free: And it does, in many ways, sadly function as a god of sorts. .



[Jun 27 2012, 1:07 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Winner of Question 1 - One Year Subscription to Homelife Magazine is.....

[Jun 27 2012, 1:08 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Drumroll please.....Tonia (email rebecca@faithfulprovisions.com with your mailing address)

[Jun 27 2012, 1:08 AM] Kelly Goodman: @ Ivette - I felt guilty too. At first I didn't think it would apply to me and then....

[Jun 27 2012, 1:08 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: Another thing for me was the part about things that we FEAR. I think fear itself is also an idol in my life. OUCH!!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:08 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Good Job Tonia!!!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:08 AM] Free: :)

[Jun 27 2012, 1:08 AM] Betsy Kiplinger: Grats

[Jun 27 2012, 1:08 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: Oh wow....THANK YOU

[Jun 27 2012, 1:09 AM] Jessi Whitt: Awesome, Tonia!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:09 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: FYI - the winners are random, so sstay on and keep commenting!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:09 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Q2: Why do you think God addresses idol worship in the very first two commandments? (Exodus 20:3,4)

[Jun 27 2012, 1:10 AM] Rebecca Ingram Powell: Are you asking why they were listed first?

[Jun 27 2012, 1:10 AM] Free: I had never thought about this before. Even after all the yrs I have been reading the Bible, but now I see. All the others hinge on this. If I worship an idol, then God is not first and following the others will never work.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:10 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Yes, do you think it is significant that they are addressed first?

[Jun 27 2012, 1:10 AM] Jessi Whitt: I think He addresses those first because what/who we worship sets the foundation for everything else.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:10 AM] Free: *now*



[Jun 27 2012, 1:10 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: I think God addresses the idol worship in the first two commandments because he has a right to! He created me just like a parent and children. Parents have the right to correct their children because they only want the best from them. Just how God wants the best for us.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:10 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: He knew how easy it would be to allow idols into our lives. It was important for us to be aware of.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:11 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Free and @Jessi I so agree!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:11 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: I agree that if He is not our number one priority than it is easier to fall short on the other commandments and "let things slide"

[Jun 27 2012, 1:12 AM] Janet Jenkins Bayne: If we get the first two commandments right, the others will be so much easier to follow.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:12 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: What a way to put it Janet I love that answer you are so right!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:14 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Winner of Q2 - The book "Letting Go of Perfect" by Amy Spiegel is Ivette (email rebecca@faithfulprovisions.com with your address)

[Jun 27 2012, 1:14 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Thank You!!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:14 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Q3: How do you think it is significant that the author points out that skilled craftsmen were called upon to make the people's idols?

[Jun 27 2012, 1:15 AM] Rebecca Ingram Powell: i think it's the whole issue that these were things that were made by someone--and then considered worthy of worship

[Jun 27 2012, 1:15 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Ladies, this question so hit home for me! I am notorious for getting everyone's opinion before I go to God, I am always looking for someones input who knows the most, who is a specialist. Can anyone else relate?

[Jun 27 2012, 1:15 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: These were educated people. Isn't it funny how God pointed out that they made idols from the same wood they burned for fire and to cook over?

[Jun 27 2012, 1:16 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: I think they used their talents to make idols and sometimes we do the same thing- sometimes it's the things we are gifted in that end up becoming idols in our lives.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:16 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: @Kelly- me too, to a fault!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:16 AM] Janet Jenkins Bayne: @ Kelly, I can relate



[Jun 27 2012, 1:16 AM] Kelly Goodman: I can relate! It's almost like I need a quick fix...instead of going to God, I go to friends, internet, etc.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:16 AM] Rebecca Ingram Powell: I can only imagine how insulted God feels when we do that...

[Jun 27 2012, 1:16 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: So true Abby, and Kelly so do !!!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:16 AM] Free: This one had me a bit stumped and all I could think of is that satan's tricky. I call him a slippery little sucker. He's the father of lies so he tells me this or that is the answer to my problems or life, or whatever, but it's God. Those were my first thoughts. Wrong or right. Hes crafty.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:16 AM] Jessi Whitt: I think it's easy for us to worship things that are tangible and for us to see people's talents and gifts as something worth worshipping.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:16 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Abby Yes! I feel like it is so hard to prevent a gift from becoming an idol, a gift from God.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:16 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: It is very significant because we do that today we set our priorities in other things and we dont look at our path toward God. Thats what they were doing putting all their efforts in these idols that it was not right.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:16 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: Am here but a tad late.....idols goodness not a carved thing .yes what do i know ask the expert

[Jun 27 2012, 1:17 AM] Betsy Kiplinger: This makes me think about how one person's worshipping of an idol affects others, almost as if it is infectious.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:17 AM] Jessi Whitt: We trust in ourselves, instead of giving God the glory.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:18 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Besty Yes, the whole thing for them was they wanted to be like everyone else, and it permeated throughout the group.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:19 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: @Kelly, I think that in turn leads to more acceptance of idols as it's seen as commonplace in the group.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:19 AM] Kelly Goodman: all the more reason to be true to ourselves as it doesn't take much to fall in with the crowd & rationalize that it's ok.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:19 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @abby yes you are so right. The sin of it gets watered down and we accept it as normal.



[Jun 27 2012, 1:19 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: We sometimes do the same because we follow the crowd and not try to do what is right.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:19 AM] Rebecca Ingram Powell: exactly

[Jun 27 2012, 1:20 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: I feel like I use what is "normal" as an excuse for not always doing what God calls us to do that sets us apart.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:20 AM] Rebecca Ingram Powell: Why is it so important to us to be normal anyway? I wish it wasn't!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:20 AM] Jessi Whitt: Kelly, that's what our youth pastor was telling the kids tonight...

[Jun 27 2012, 1:20 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: and what is normal

[Jun 27 2012, 1:20 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: Kelly Minter pointed that out in her Nehemiah study about the entertainment we say is ok!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:21 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: What TV or movies do we allow in our homes or even pay to go see?

[Jun 27 2012, 1:22 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Jessi, I think it is so much harder for kids today. They don't have a sense of what is "normal". They are taught to be like everyone else and follow the crowd, not to be different.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:22 AM] Betsy Kiplinger: lol. How about "American Idol"?

[Jun 27 2012, 1:22 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: you are so right Tonia its sad because even today's youth falls into that category and we too because we follow along with everyone

[Jun 27 2012, 1:22 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Martha "normal" is just another word to me for being like everyone else, not doing what is right, doing what is easy

[Jun 27 2012, 1:23 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Betsy, so funny you say that, when my team and I were discussing this, we kept bringing that up!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:23 AM] Kelly Goodman: @ Kelly I like that definition...how true

[Jun 27 2012, 1:23 AM] Melanie Norris Grace: just got on here.....skilled craftsmen to make idols....if it looks "good" we're more likely to be attracted and stay a while even keep going make to it.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:23 AM] Jessi Whitt: @Kelly, yes! He gave a challenge about whether we would let a "label" define us by sticking with the norm.



[Jun 27 2012, 1:24 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: that is a good thought too Melanie

[Jun 27 2012, 1:24 AM] Betsy Kiplinger: I was struggling to extend the definition of idol past the physical object, but the TV show, "American Idol" essentially crystallized the definition of idol for me.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:25 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Jessi I read the Tim Tebow comment in his book to my 7 year old (he talked about how he didn't want to be "normal", he wanted to be different and set apart), encouraging her NOT to be like everyone else.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:25 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Winner of Q3 – "7" by Jenn Hatmaker is Kelly Goodman (email rebecca@faithfulprovisions.com with your address)

[Jun 27 2012, 1:25 AM] Kelly Goodman: thank you!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:25 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Great Job Kelly Goodman!!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:25 AM] Free: Oh I love "7". You will love it Kelly!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:25 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Q4: Which of the verses on page 26 stood out the most to you and why?

[Jun 27 2012, 1:26 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: @ Kelly like that quite

[Jun 27 2012, 1:26 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: quote

[Jun 27 2012, 1:27 AM] Rebecca Ingram Powell: My favorite is Matthew 6:21. It is so true. What we treasure is where our heart is.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:27 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Martha, I know, it has so stuck with me when I minister to my daughter. When she feels different than other kids, when I ask her to respond differently. But if she thinks it is not only okay, but good to be different I feel like I am loosening the chains for her.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:27 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: Matthew...because I have heard it all my life, but always attached it to the material items. As the emotional was brought to my attention this week...I realized I was treasuring a certain emotional feeling.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:27 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: I let that desire affect my moods

[Jun 27 2012, 1:28 AM] Jessi Whitt: The one that sticks with me is also Matthew 6:21.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:28 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: if that emotion was being met things were great...if not...well then not so much



[Jun 27 2012, 1:28 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: My favorite was 2Kings 17:15 about how we become like what we treasure. It made me think of how I act, are my actions showing what I really treasure, am I setting a good example for my kids to follow and become like.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:28 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Matthew was my favorite because it adheres to one's life

[Jun 27 2012, 1:28 AM] Janet Jenkins Bayne: My favorite is also Matthew 6:21. It's simply stated and is so true.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:29 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: Great point Kelly G

[Jun 27 2012, 1:29 AM] Clarice Wagner: One's heart follows their treasure, hum?

[Jun 27 2012, 1:29 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Matthew refers to whatever effort we put into our lives is what we will become.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:29 AM] Melanie Norris Grace: 2kings to me...because we do become what's in our hearts.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:30 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: Mine was also Matthew.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:30 AM] Jessi Whitt: I often treasure or take something that seems good in its own right and make it my idol.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:30 AM] Free: 2kings. My idol happened to be a substance. And looking to that, which was useless, worthless, created a life which was the same. I had Jesus but my life was a wreck. Felt useless

[Jun 27 2012, 1:30 AM] Jessi Whitt: ...sometimes without even realizing it.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:31 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Anyone else have closing comments or other parts of the study that stood out to you?

[Jun 27 2012, 1:31 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: Jessi, I absolutely did not realize some of mine!!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:31 AM] Melanie Norris Grace: it's like what starts out expensive quickly loses it's worth

[Jun 27 2012, 1:32 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: How did everyone like week 1? If you liked it, wait until week 2, it is amazing!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:32 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Can't wa

[Jun 27 2012, 1:32 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: It was powerful!!



[Jun 27 2012, 1:32 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Can't wait!!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:32 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: Looking forward to it!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:32 AM] Free: It was wonderful! Loved the simplicity and yet it's profound.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:32 AM] Kelly Goodman: Can't wait for week 2! Currently in a weekly study by Kelly Minter on Nehemiah.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:32 AM] Free: Cant wait for 2

[Jun 27 2012, 1:32 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: I'm praying for MAJOR overhaul!!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:32 AM] Janet Jenkins Bayne: Enjoying this so far and looking forward to this next week

[Jun 27 2012, 1:32 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Last comment from everyone, what was your biggest takeaway or thing you got out of this week?

[Jun 27 2012, 1:32 AM] Clarice Wagner: I think being aware of idols helps us to put God first!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:32 AM] Melanie Norris Grace: me too

[Jun 27 2012, 1:32 AM] Jessi Whitt: It was great! Thanks for putting the chat together. :)

[Jun 27 2012, 1:32 AM] Free: Me too Tonia

[Jun 27 2012, 1:32 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Winner of Q4 – “Journey Magazine Subscription” is Janet Bayne (email rebecca@faithfulprovisions.com with your address)

[Jun 27 2012, 1:33 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Thank you Kelly for putting this together I really enjoyed it!!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:33 AM] Free: how all the others hinge on 1, 2

[Jun 27 2012, 1:33 AM] Janet Jenkins Bayne: Thank you!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:33 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Congrats Janet

[Jun 27 2012, 1:33 AM] Janet Jenkins Bayne: Thanks Ivette :)

[Jun 27 2012, 1:33 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Everyone coming back next week? Was 30 minutes good? too short? Would love your input! :)

[Jun 27 2012, 1:33 AM] Free: Thanks kelly and everyone for being here. And thanks Kelly for helping me get in



[Jun 27 2012, 1:33 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Free I agree, that was something that stuck with me, the order of the commandments.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:33 AM] Guest552: Signed in as guest. I think we have a lot more idols than we think we do, was my weekly thought.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:33 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: will be here. I like the 30 mins.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:33 AM] Clarice Wagner: 30 minutes is good. Will be coming back.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:33 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: I will be better able to respond next timewill have my book

[Jun 27 2012, 1:33 AM] Free: I had to sign in under Free but I am susanelizabeth:)

[Jun 27 2012, 1:34 AM] Kelly Goodman: Will be here. 30 minutes is a good time frame

[Jun 27 2012, 1:34 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Great 30 minutes I think I have some more reflect to do! So coming back!!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:34 AM] Jessi Whitt: I'm definitely planning on coming back. 30 minutes is good for me.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:34 AM] Free: Perfect time and limit. Great

[Jun 27 2012, 1:34 AM] Janet Jenkins Bayne: I'll be here and 30 minutes is good for me too

[Jun 27 2012, 1:34 AM] Melanie Norris Grace: i need more than 30, but i'm a slow poke!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:34 AM] Betsy Kiplinger: The 30 minutes time is good. really enjoying this. thank you for all of the work putting it together.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:34 AM] Guest552: Kelly is there more than one version of the book? I don't have Bible verses on page 26.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:35 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Be sure to check out my summary next Monday for week 2 and I'll see everyone here next Tuesday night!! Thank you so much for participating. It really made this an encouraging study.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:35 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Guest552, there was a "book" and a "workbook", make sure you have the one that looks like the picture on the posts.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:35 AM] Melanie Norris Grace: will do. thanks kelly.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:35 AM] Tonia 'Brooks' Knight: Bye everyone. Nice to "meet" you all! Thanks Kelly!



[Jun 27 2012, 1:35 AM] Guest552: Okay, I will check it out.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:36 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @melanie I could sit here for an hour! But not many can. :)

[Jun 27 2012, 1:36 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: might need a little more time as we get "going"

[Jun 27 2012, 1:36 AM] Free: Thanks everyone and I will be praying for us and our grp!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:36 AM] Kelly Goodman: @Guest552 - yes - it's the one with the living room series in the title - I know I got the wrong one too.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:36 AM] Clarice Wagner: Til next week!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:36 AM] Jessi Whitt: Night, everyone. Have a lovely week, and hope to chat with you all next week.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:36 AM] Free: I have longer too but I also don't have any kids running around LOL

[Jun 27 2012, 1:36 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Bye everyone Thank you!!! See everyone next week!!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:36 AM] Melanie Norris Grace: :)

[Jun 27 2012, 1:36 AM] Kelly Goodman: Thanks Kelly --- see everyone next week!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:37 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: thanks Kelly!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:37 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Thanks Kelly!!!

[Jun 27 2012, 1:42 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Everyone don't forget to email Rebecca with your mailing address.

[Jun 27 2012, 1:47 AM] Guest276: I am so late, got home late & then couldn't sign in. Can you tell me if there is a way that I can view all the comments from the chat?

[Jun 27 2012, 1:52 AM] Glenda Covey: I was missed it! Is there any way I can look at everyone's posts? I have completed the first week & would love to see what others thought.