Message Notes
The loud voice of idolatry

Introduction – *"Wave your Palms!!*

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Three Huge Take Aways:
1. *The Secondary Point of the Parable – How do we interact with those who those in need?*

2. *The Bible is enough*

3. *The Main Point of the Parable – The Powerof Idolatry*

20 questions regarding heart idolatry
"Life only has meaning/I only have worth if…
(insert idols here _____)

Gospel Application – *"Life only has meaning if…"* Galatians 2:20

Scripture Passages
(taken from the New International Version)

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Moses and the Prophets, they will not be
convinced even if someone rises from the
dead.' "

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no
longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life
I now live in the body, I live by faith in the
Son of God, who loved me and gave himself
for me.

Luke 9:51 (ESV)

When the days drew near for him to be taken up,
he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

Luke 19:28-44

[28]After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. [29]As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, [30]“Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. [31]If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

Luke 19:28-44

32 Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had
told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked
them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

34 They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put
Jesus on it. 36 As he went along, people spread their
cloaks on the road.

Luke 19:28-44

37When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

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38"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Luke 19:28-44

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus,
"Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

40 "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet,
the stones will cry out."

Luke 19:28-44

41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over
it 42 and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day
what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your
eyes. 43 The days will come upon you when your enemies will
build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you
in on every side. 44 They will dash you to the ground, you and the
children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on
another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s
coming to you.”

The Gospel of LUKE

Setting His Face To Jerusalem

Luke 9:51 To Luke 19:44

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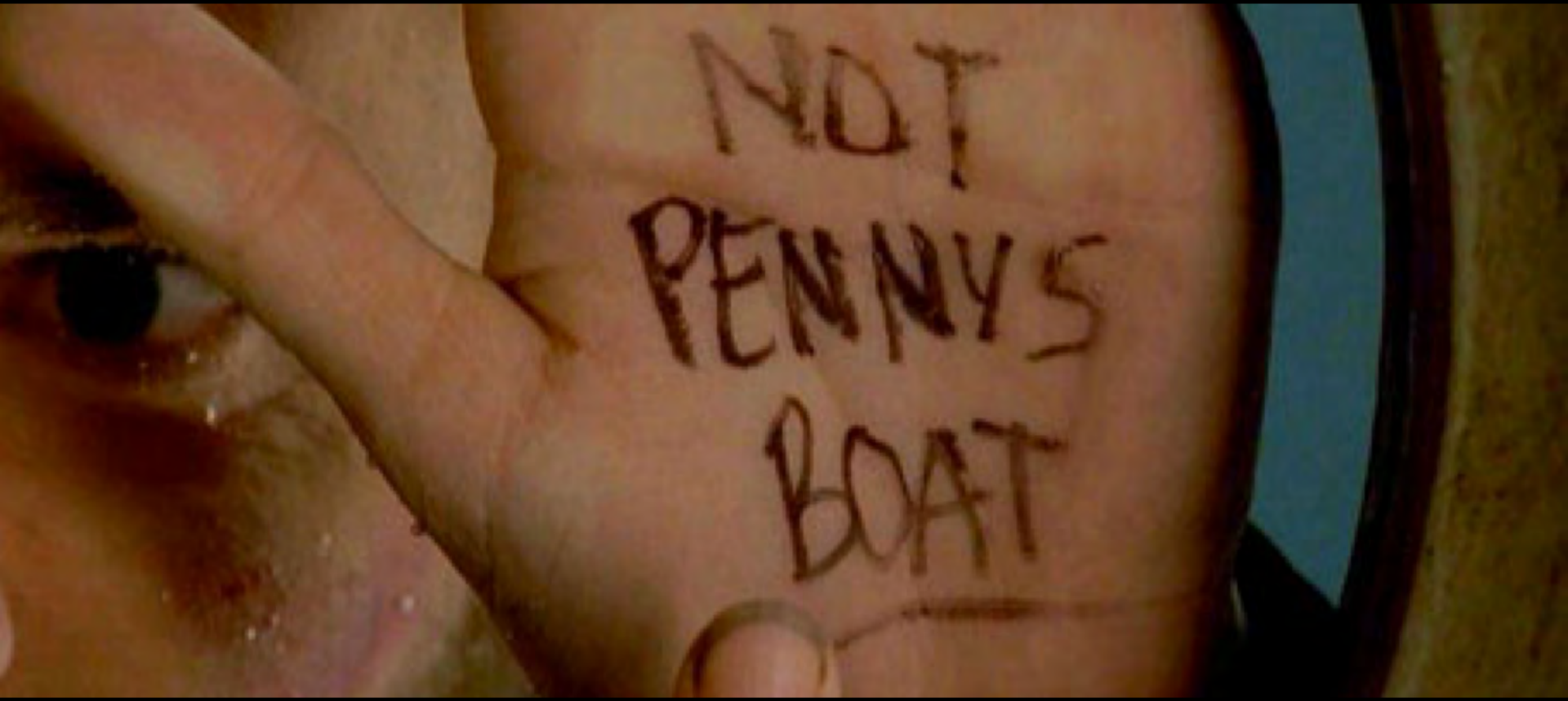
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Jesus' Mission Statement

Luke 4:18-19

18"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

The Greatest Sermon Ever Preached

Luke 6:20-26

20 Looking at his disciples, he said:
"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
21 Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

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Luke 6:20-26

22 Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.
23 "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is
your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers
treated the prophets.

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Luke 6:20-26

24 “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.
25 Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.
Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

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Luke 6:20-26

[26]Woe to you when all people
speak well of you,
for that is how their fathers
treated the false prophets.”

God's Heart for Lost Things

Luke 15:1-2

[1]Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. [2]But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Jesus the Good Shepherd sculpture,circa 3rd century
Bibliotheca Alexandria Museam, Alexandria, Egypt

Luke 15:3

3 Then Jesus told them this
parable: 4 “Suppose one of
you has a hundred sheep
and loses one of them…

Luke 15:8

8 “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one..

God's Heart for Lost Things

Luke 15:11-32

11 Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons.
12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me
my share of the estate.' So he divided his property
between them.

God's Heart for Lost Things

Luke 15:11-32

25"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he
came near the house, he heard music and dancing. 26So
he called one of the servants and asked him what was
going on. 27'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and
your father has killed the fattened calf because he has
him back safe and sound.'

God's Heart for Lost Things

Luke 15:11-32

28 "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So
his father went out and pleaded with him. 29 But he
answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been
slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you
never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with
my friends. 30 But when this son of yours who has
squandered your property with prostitutes comes home,
you kill the fattened calf for him!'

God's Heart for Lost Things

Luke 15:11-32

31“ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me,
and everything I have is yours. 32But we had to
celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was
dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”

Putting the Right Object in the Worship Spot

Luke 16:13-15

13 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

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God knows your hearts. What people value highly is
detestable in God's sight."

Putting the Right Object in the Worship Spot

Luke 16:16-18

16 “The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until
John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of
God is being preached, and everyone is forcing his way
into it. 17 It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear
than for the least stroke of a pen to drop out of the Law.

Putting the Right Object in the Worship Spot

Luke 16:16-18

18 “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery, and the man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

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Part 1 – The Reversal of Fortunes
Two deaths – Two different funerals

Luke 16:22

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A Reversal of Wealth

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Part 1 – The Reversal of Fortunes
The Request for Relief

Luke 16:24

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Abraham's two-fold answer

Luke 16:25-26

25 "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your
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are in agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a
great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to
go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from
there to us.'

“The wealthy man’s request is denied on two counts. First, on account of the eschatological reversal [foretold] by Jesus (6:20–24) and known in wider Jewish and Greco-Roman literature, he is the victim of his own choices. Lazarus, who received no comfort, is now comforted; the wealthy, having received his consolation, will be consoled no more (cf. 1:53).

Second, the gate that could have been transversed but was not, so that Lazarus was never the recipient of the wealthy man's hospitality (or even the food that fell or was thrown from his table), has now become fixed. Consequently, in Abraham's speech, Abraham and Lazarus are classified as "us," sharply distinguishing them from the rich man and those like him ("you all").

~ Joel B. Green, *The Gospel of Luke*, The New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1997), 608.

Part Two – The Futility of More Warnings
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“There is little doubt that Jesus’ original audience would have understood the rich man’s request (Luke 16:27) and Jesus’ concluding statement about “someone … from the dead” (16:31) as involving the sending of Lazarus to his brothers. In Luke’s setting, however, his readers could not have helped thinking of Jesus’ resurrection and applying 16:30–31 to him. The Lord had indeed risen from the dead (16:30), but even this did not result in Israel’s repenting (16:31). It is on this point that the main emphasis of the parable falls.

~ Robert H. Stein, *Luke*, vol. 24, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1992), 427.

Three Huge Take-Aways

1. Secondary Point of Parable

How do we interact with those in need?

SEX TRAFFICKING in the MIDWEST
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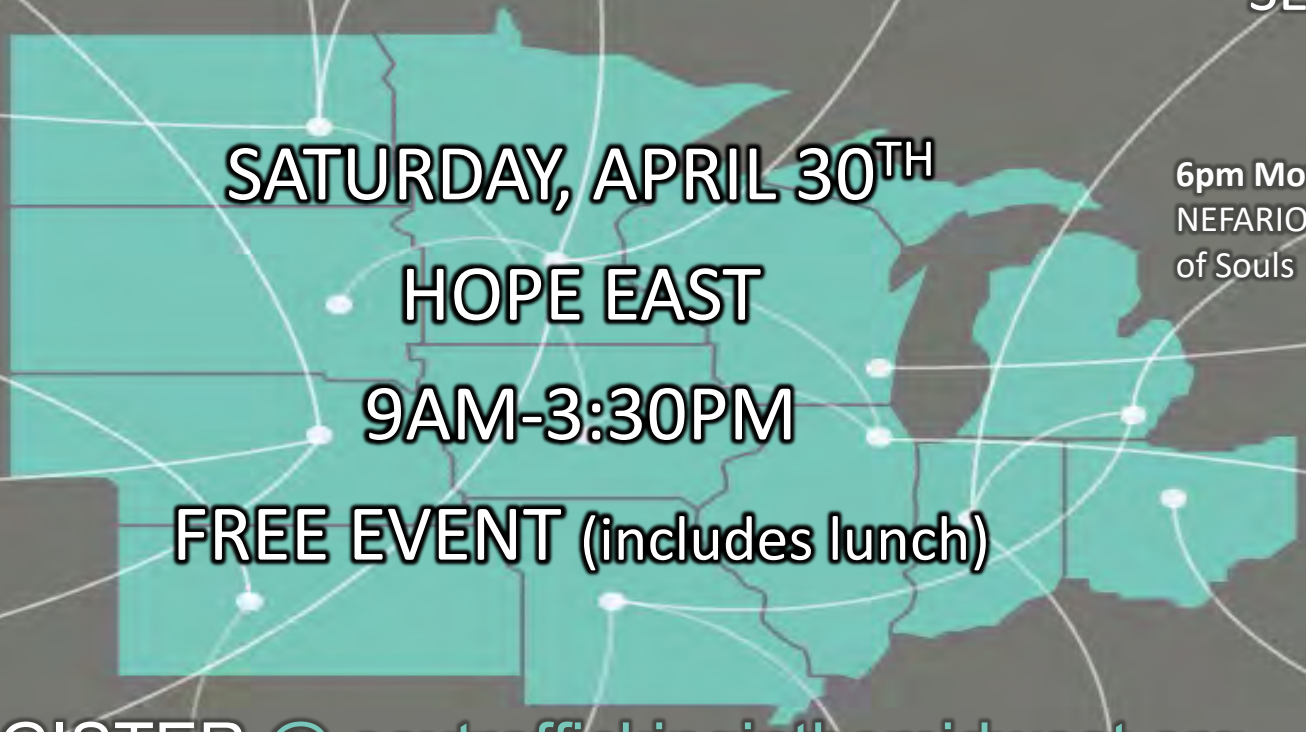
HEAR FROM:
Ramsey County District Attorney John Choi

Survivor testimony from Rebekah Meyers of United1Front

Pastor Steve Treichler

Maria Eddy - Director of Source Anti-trafficking

And many more…



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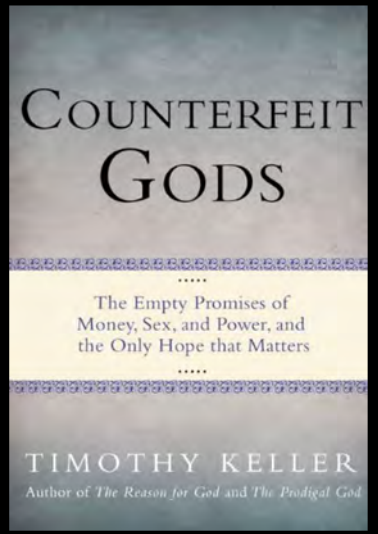

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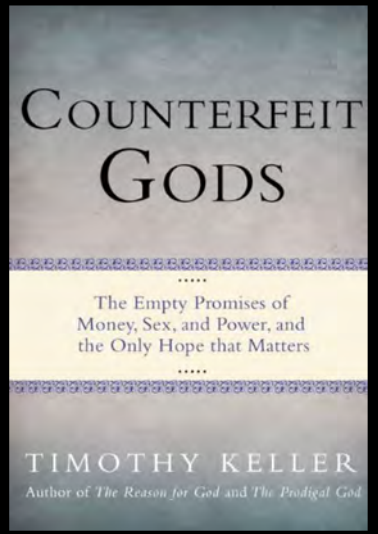

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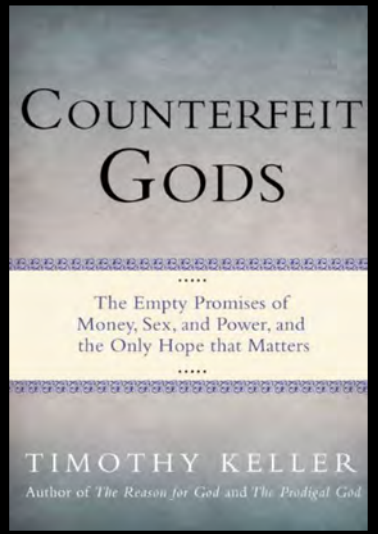

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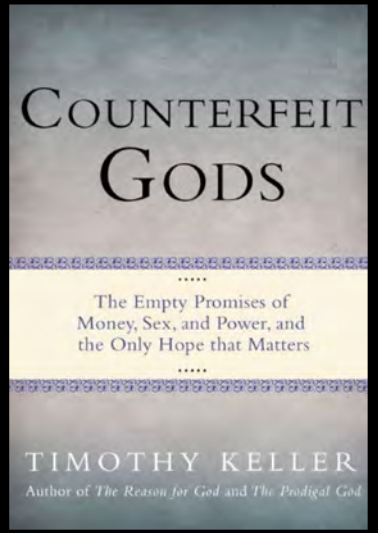

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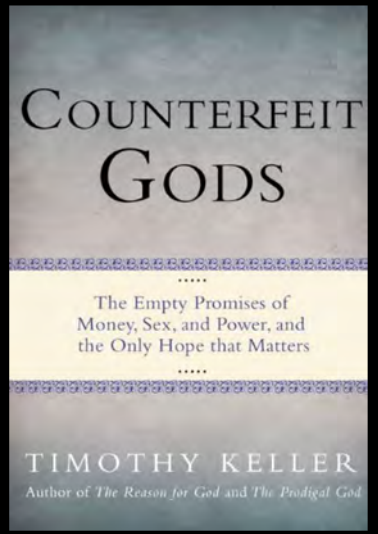

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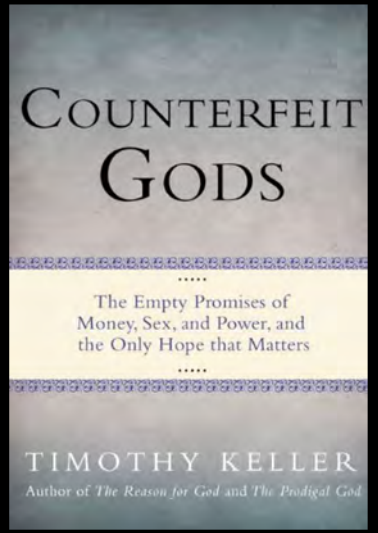

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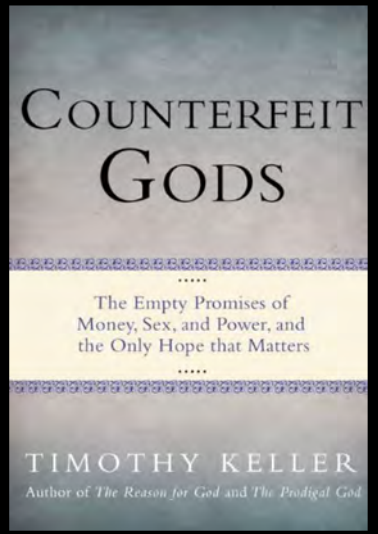

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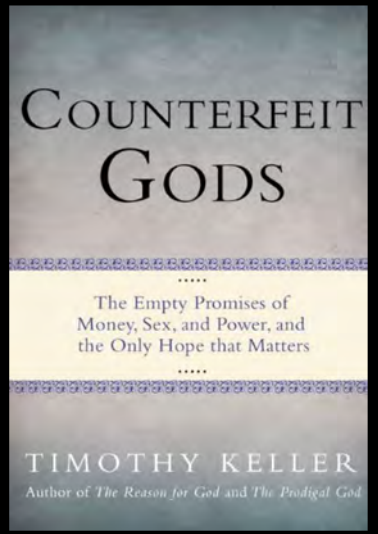

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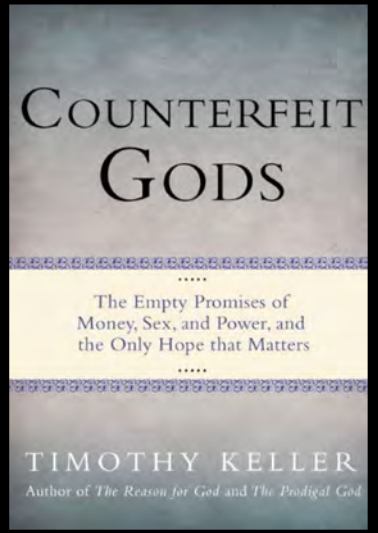

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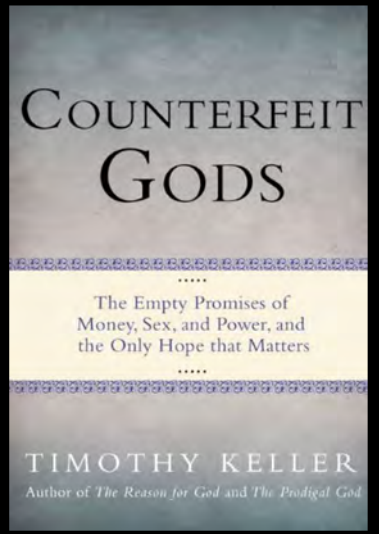

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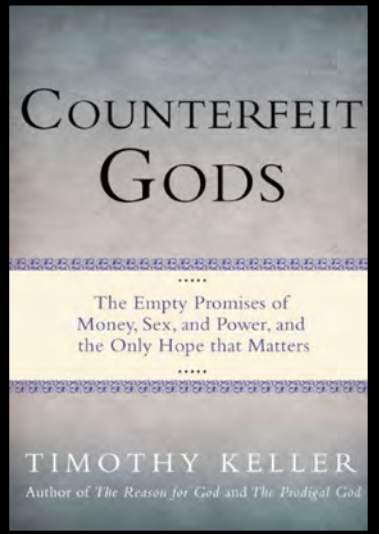

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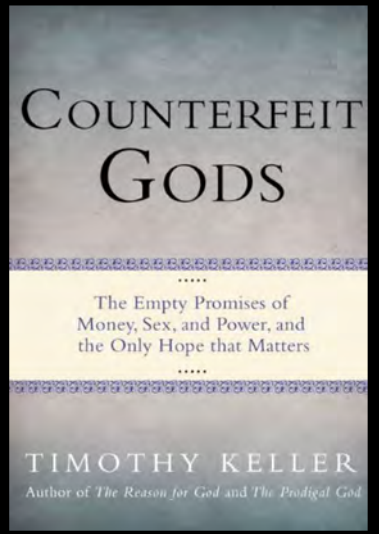
11. I am adhering to my religion's moral codes and accomplished in its activities." (Religion idolatry)



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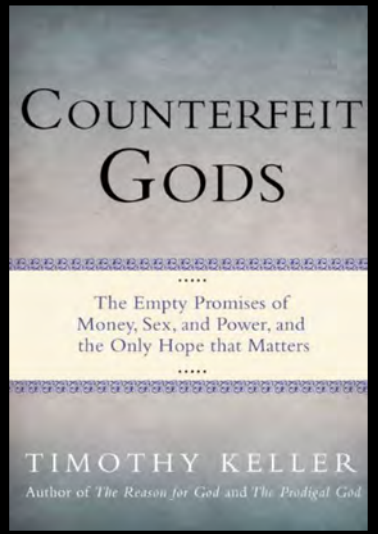

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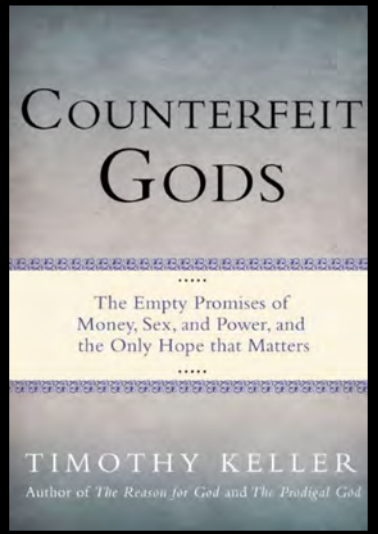

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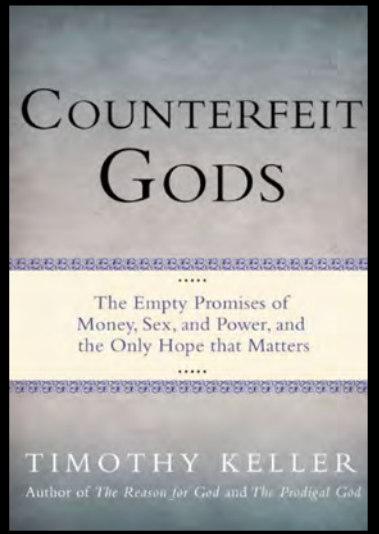

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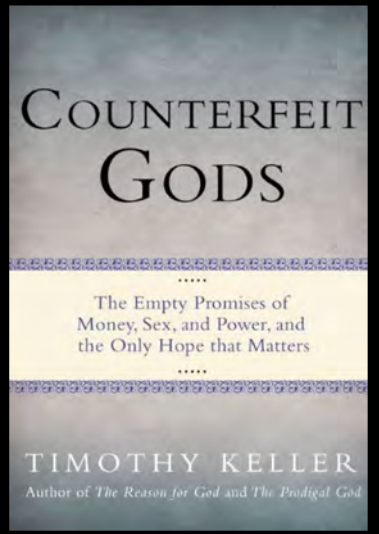

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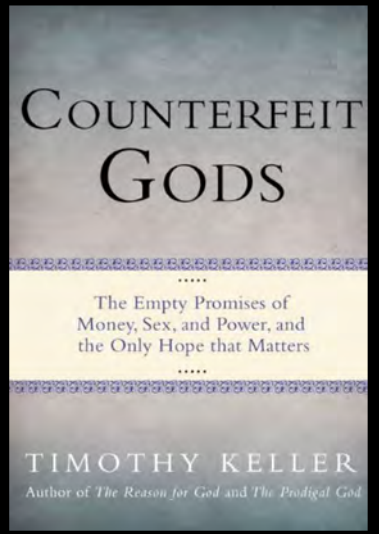

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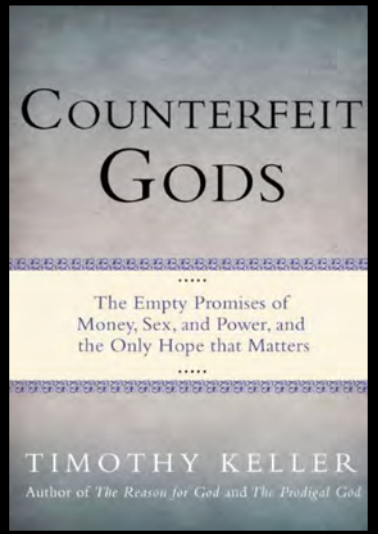

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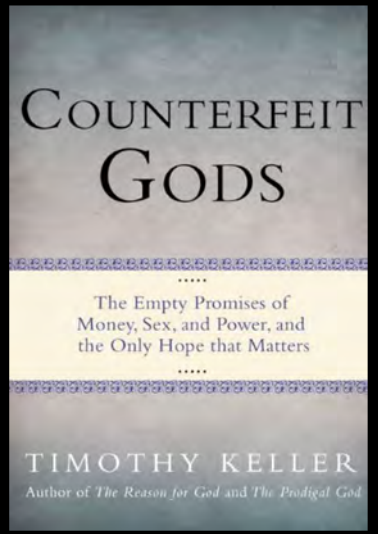

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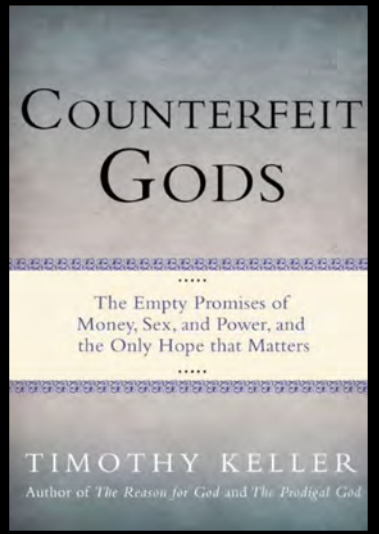

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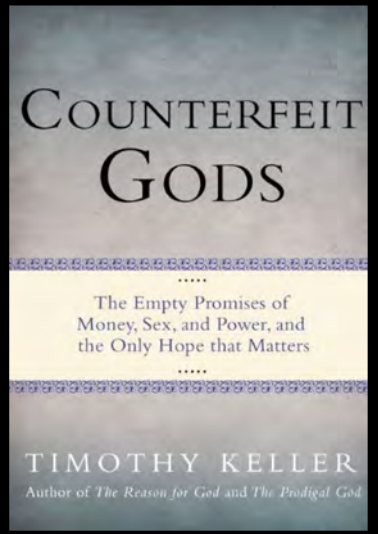

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~ The apostle Paul in Galatians 2:20