



## **SPEAR *Friendly Idols***

*“Son of man, these leaders have set up idols in their hearts. They have embraced things that will make them fall into sin. Why should I listen to their requests?”*

*The Lord | Ezekiel 14:3 (NLT)*

How many times has it happened to you? After bashing your head trying to figure out why your computer, TV or whatever won't work, you realize the plug had come loose. Ugh. You reconnect it—tada! If only you'd checked the connection first!

Power does not flow if something isn't connected. The same is true spiritually. If you aren't connected to God, don't expect much power.

Simple—except for one thing.

We serve a jealous God. He only works through a clean, uninterrupted connection.

Herein lies our problem. We can think we're connected by doing all the

right things—church attendance, prayer, Bible reading—but still be disconnected. The plug may be in the socket, yet corrosion means no contact. No contact means no power.

Spiritually, that corrosion can be an idol. When your requests seem unanswered, it's good to check for idols first.

*Reflect: Is an idol corroding my connection with God?*

One practice that has helped me grow closer to God is trying to see situations from his point of view. In Ezekiel, God asks, "Why should I listen to their requests?"

Imagine how the Creator of the universe might feel when we place our trust in something far beneath him. I can almost hear him saying, "You trust your idol so much—why not ask it to help you?" His jealousy suddenly makes sense.

It brings this question to mind:

**"If I were God, would I answer my prayer?"**

And it doesn't take long to see what's come between me and him.

I have a couple of idols that show up regularly. In a twisted way, I've become "friends" with them. They've been around so long they're almost a part of who I am.

These *Friendly Idols* lull us into comfort so we no longer notice their influence. They camouflage themselves by promoting excuses like:

"It's not the right time."

“How could I? I don’t know how. I might fail!”

“I have too many other responsibilities.”

There’s a dash of truth in these statements—but mostly they’re the result of your *Friendly Idol’s* efforts to undermine your belief in God’s promises. *Friendly Idols* are so tricky!

### **What’s your most *Friendly Idol*?**

Don’t kid yourself—there’s an elephant in the room. Can’t see it? Ask God to reveal it.

*Consider:* **Friendly or not, I must SPEAR my idol.**

Remember, God is jealous—he hates idols! More than that, he appointed you for a great work while you’re here on earth.

*“You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. This is my command: Love each other.” Jesus Christ (John 15:16–17)*

God uses your great work—your Mission, an act of loving others—to expose and destroy your *Friendly Idols*.

Jesus chose and appointed the twelve disciples (and you too) to produce lasting fruit. *Friendly Idols* block this. You may not see them—but they’re there.

God hates seeing anything obstruct your Mission. So he goes to work—exposing, pressing, tearing them down. Not to take from you, but to free you.

And once you're free? He delights in giving you what you ask—and more—so your life produces lasting fruit.

*"For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him." The Apostle Paul (Philippians 2:13)*

How do you slay your *Friendly Idol*? Pierce straight through it by taking a faithful jump into the fruit-bearing Mission Jesus has given you—right in the face of your *Friendly Idol*. When you move further into your Mission, the idol is exposed for what it is—and the emperor has no clothes! (Learn More: [Emperor](#))

The tip of your spear is a countering belief in one of God's promises. When you accept that his promise is true and, as scary as that may feel, act on it to advance your Mission, the idol loses its power.

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**Follow this S.P.E.A.R. framework to slay your *Friendly Idol*:**

**S** — Spot the idol: ask God to reveal it.

**P** — Probe the lie: expose it to the light.

**E** — Exchange the lie for truth: replace it with a Kingdom promise.

**A** — Act in faith: take the step that advances your Mission.

**R** — Reinforce the victory: praise the Lord!

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*Friendly Idols* almost always hide behind negative speak: "I can't" or "I don't."

God's promises sound completely different. They are positive—so good they seem too good to be true.

When faithfully brought face to face, your idol is no match for God—the outcome is clear. The only question is: Will you surrender your *Friendly Idol* and take the faithful Jump to advance your Mission?

*Imagine: I'm throwing my SPEAR to Advance my Mission.*

Do you want God to respond to more of your requests?

Raise the urgency of your Mission. Ask God to lead you deeper into the work he prepared for you.

Sharpen your SPEAR. Pray. Wrestle with God. Ask him to expose your *Friendly Idol* and show you the faithful Jump you must take to slay it.

Make the Jump—accept his promise as true and act on it!

Then watch what happens: your connection deepens, fruit follows, your Mission advances...

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

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#### **Coach's Questions**

- **Reflect:** What excuse am I making to avoid a bold Kingdom Jump?
- **Ask:** What Friendly Idol is this revealing?
- **Act:** Go to God and sharpen my SPEAR.
- Don't know my Mission—[Start here!](#)

## Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

### Throw my SPEAR.

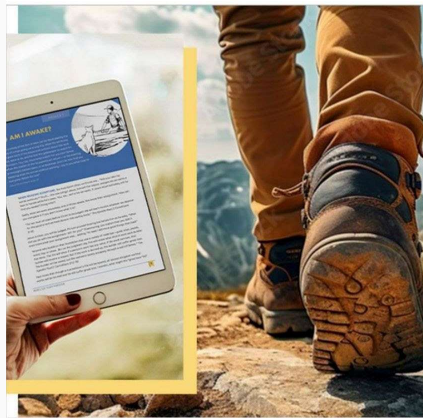
*"We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments."*

*The Apostle Paul | 2 Corinthians 10:4 (NLT)*



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