



**WARM UP QUESTION:** When have you felt safe and comfortable following the direction of someone else?

**READ:** Isaiah 46:5-13

**FOCUS:** Who is in control? Even when we build our own gods, God remains in control.

**OBSERVE:**

- We are continually inundated with messages from the world that we are the masters of our own fates and the captains of our own souls. We fashion gods out of crystals, western rationalistic thought and radical independence, or adopting New Age thinking like “manifesting”. Even if we agree with the gospel our actions often indicate that we make our own plans and God has little or no bearing on our decision making.
- The truth is that God is sovereign. God is in absolute control. There is nothing outside His influence and control. Nothing happens except through Him and by His will. God has every right to rule the world as He pleases, and He does all that He pleases. Nothing can derail His ultimate purposes. God is sovereign over human will, evil, sin, Satan and suffering.
- It is important to remember who God is when we are talking about what He is able to do. From the scripture this week we can recognize that God is holy, meaning that He is utterly unique and unlike any other, distinct and set apart. He knows all, including the future. His role is not a passive observer. He declares and decrees the future and the future conforms to His word. Whatever He wills, will take place. He accomplishes His purposes. He does all that He pleases.
- It is good that God is in control. God promises that He will bring near His righteousness and that His salvation will not delay. He will fulfill His purpose to save us. This is what He will do, it is not on us.

**TAKING ACTION:**

- Take a moment to outline areas of your life that you are still holding the reins to. Make a decision to let God be in control of those areas. Write out two ways your day to day life will be different because of this decision.
- As you walk out these changes, do so in community by joining a Discipleship Class at King’s Park or taking your next step on the Discipleship Path.

**REFLECT:**

- When was the last time that you entrusted yourself and your situation so much to God that it was truly scary and required a step of faith? What made those circumstances challenging? What did you do and how did it turn out?

**PRAY:**

*God, Your word makes it clear that You are in control, not me. I am tired of building my gods and trying to make You in my image. I repent of my idolatry and acknowledge that You are who You are, the Sovereign One in my life. I choose to trust You, utterly and completely in Jesus’ name I pray, amen!*