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***WHEN FALSE GODS FALL:  
HOW JESUS RESHAPES A CITY - AND A SOUL***  
ACTS 19:8-41

**INTRODUCTION:**

Acts 19 shows what happens when Jesus walks into a life, home, and city: false gods fall.

**Observation #1 - A Better Story in a World of Competing Stories** (vv. 19:8-10)

Paul enters Ephesus and spends two years reasoning and persuading about the kingdom. Some believe, some resist, but the Gospel keeps spreading.

**Truth #1 - Jesus invites us into a BETTER STORY.**  
(Matthew 11:28-30)

**Observation #2 - False Gods Can't Give You What Jesus Can** (vv. 19:11-20)

Extraordinary things happen: healings, deliverance, public confession, repentance.

The seven sons of Sceva show the danger of using Jesus' name without knowing Him.

**Truth #2 - Jesus frees us from the gods that ENSLAVE US.**

**Observation #3 - When Jesus Threatens Our Economy of Idols** (vv. 19:23-41)

Demetrius starts a riot because the Gospel threatens his income. The city is confused, chaotic, and afraid.

**Truth #3 - Jesus RESHAPES not just souls, but homes and cities.** (Mark 5:1-20)

**WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?**

1. Jesus invites us into a better story.
  - a. Where am I resisting the better story Jesus is inviting me into?
2. Jesus frees us from the gods that enslave us.
  - a. What false gods is Jesus asking me to bring into the light?
3. Jesus reshapes not just souls, but entire homes and cities.
  - a. Where does my home, or city, need Jesus to reshape it?

