

Power in weakness #5

# Unequally yoked

## 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

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### 1. A day in the life ...

1st C Corinth / 21st C Australia

### 2. You must be yoking

Yoked? a definition

Problem Unequally yoked

Command - do not be yoked together with unbelievers 6:14

Basic incompatibility - Jesus: "Take my yoke upon you"

Matthew 11:28-30

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

What does ...

righteousness, light, Christ, a believer,

have in common / fellowship / harmony / agreement

with

wickedness, darkness, Belial (Satan), an unbeliever,

Temple of God

vs temple of idols

we are God's Temple

dumb idol "lives" here

God's Spirit lives in us

ANSWER = **NOTHING !!!** 6:16

### 3. Motives:

God's Grace shown in his promises: -

6:16 *"I will be their God, I will live with them"*

6:18 *"I will be a father to you - you will be my sons and daughters"*

7:1 *"Since we have these promises"*

We are called to respond to grace NOT legalism

Live in response to God's grace 2 Corinthians 5:15

*"(Jesus) died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."*

### 4. Application:

What the text says and meant to 1st C hearers is clear.

Application is problematic

Multicultural Australia - Corinthian style idolatry is more common

Western Idolatry is "mirror religion" its all about self and image

Multi cultural issues

Marriage / dating

Significant partnerships (e.g. business)

Multi-faith / inter faith / LCD religion

Sexuality / Image

Hero worship - sporting

BRW rich list

"beautiful people"

Flee idolatry! do not be yoked together with unbelievers

#### 2 false responses:

Legalism:

Christian Ghetto

Lawless: Anything goes

Profound

identity/compromise

Response to God's grace is the motive -

work out your own salvation

**Our principle:** 2 Corinthians 5:15 live for **Jesus** NOT for **yourself**