

**CURRENCIES**

**USD/JPY**

The US dollar was very choppy against the Japanese yen during the Wednesday session as fears over conflict on the Korean Peninsula hit the markets. We break down below the 110 level, which of course is a very psychologically important level, and have now tested that area a couple of times. It looks as if we are going to continue to see sellers in this market, but if we can break above the 110.25 level, I think at that point the market will begin to rally a bit more significantly. Otherwise, we will probably get down to the 109 level over the next several sessions.

**EUR/USD**

The EUR/USD pair has gone sideways during the session on Wednesday as we continue to consolidate just above the 1.17 handle. If we can break above the 1.1765 handle, I think that the market will continue to grind higher. While I believe in the uptrend longer-term, the reality is that the uptrend hasn't pulled back enough for me to be completely comfortable. We have seen 2 impulsive moves to the downside as of late, and I think that we could get more. If we break down below the 1.1680 level, then the market will probably drop down to the 1.16 handle.

**GBP/USD**

The British pound continues to dance around the 1.30 level, as the market seems to be accumulating. I don't know if we can break out to the upside, but this is an area where we need to see a significant amount of support. If we can break above the 1.3050 level, then I'm a buyer of the British pound as we should continue to go towards the 1.32 handle above. This is a major area, and if we break down below here, I think that the market probably goes looking towards the 1.2850 level.

**Market Watch**

**USD/JPY**

Open	109.81
High	109.82
Low	109.73
Close	110.07

*(Prices as of August 9<sup>th</sup> , 2017)*

**EUR/USD**

Open	1.1778
High	1.1802
Low	1.1777
Close	1.1771

*(Prices as of August 9<sup>th</sup> , 2017)*

**GBP/USD**

Open	1.3003
High	1.3008
Low	1.2999
Close	1.3005

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**USD/CAD**

The US dollar rallied again against the Canadian dollar on Wednesday, testing the 1.27 level, pulling back, and then breaking through again. To me, looks as if this market is ready to continue rising, and the dips continue to offer buying opportunities. While oil of course has a significant amount of influence on the Canadian dollar, more importantly the strengthening US economy and the belief that the Federal Reserve will continue to raise interest rates later this year has put a damper on what had been the biggest driver of this market: the bond trade.

**AUD/USD**

The Australian dollar initially trying to break down during the day on Wednesday, but we did get a bit of a bounce. However, that bounce was somewhat short-lived as fears arise over tensions from the Korean Peninsula. Quite frankly, this is just noise and a lot of drama, but at the end of the day it works against the value of riskier currency such as the Aussie.

**USD/CHF**

USD/CHF's upside is still limited below 1.0118 resistances and intraday bias remains neutral. Near term outlook stays cautiously bullish as long as 0.9929 minor supports holds. Fall from 1.0342 could have finished at 0.9860 already. Above 1.0118 will turn bias back to the upside for retesting 1.0342. However, break of 0.9929 will likely extend the decline from 1.0342 through 0.9860 low.

**Market Watch**

**USD/CAD**

Open	1.2728
High	1.2729
Low	1.2723
Close	1.2702

*(Prices as of August 9<sup>th</sup> , 2017)*

**AUD/USD**

Open	0.7927
High	0.7949
Low	0.7922
Close	0.7930

*(Prices as of August 9<sup>th</sup> , 2017)*

**USD/CHF**

Open	0.972
High	0.973
Low	0.971
Close	0.972

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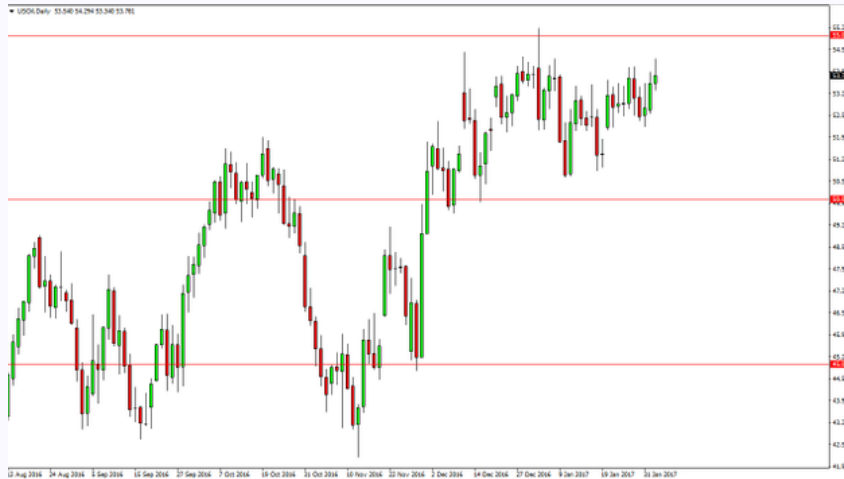
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## COMMODITY RESEARCH

### Crude Oil

The WTI Crude Oil market continues to show extreme volatility, as we continue to consolidate between the \$48.50 level on the bottom, and the \$49.50 level on the top. The resistance extends to the \$50 level because of its psychological importance, so I think that a bit of back-and-forth and the short-term type of range bound trading is probably about as good as it's going to get.



### TECHNICAL

I think that the market could go much higher. However, if we break down below the \$48.50 level, the market should break down and reach towards \$47.50. It looks as if the buyers are currently running the show, and I think that we will eventually see the buyers take over, least for the short term. Longer-term, I'm still bearish of the oil markets going forward.

August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

#### Market Watch

Open	\$49.67
High	\$49.98
Low	\$49.49
Close	\$49.56

(Prices as of August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017)

#### Moving Averages

5 DMA	\$45.39
10 DMA	\$45.98
14 DMA	\$46.56
50 DMA	\$48.28

#### Bollinger Band

Upper Band	\$51.216
Middle Band	\$44.500
Lower Band	\$45.370

#### Support

Support 1	\$48.2133
Support 2	\$47.3767

#### Resistance

Resistance 1	\$49.6833
Resistance 2	\$50.3167

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**GOLD**

Gold markets rallied significantly during the day on Wednesday, slamming into the \$1275 level. This is an area that has caused both support and resistance in the past, but it looks as if her to try to break out above there. The main resistance for the consolidation is closer to the \$1300 level, so would not surprise me to see the market go looking for that level. Signs of exhaustion at the \$1275 level could be a selling opportunity, and the most certainly will be at the \$1300 level.



**TECHNICAL**

I believe that we will continue to see volatility in this market, and it will be driven by headlines crossing the wires. The market will be very erratic at times, so therefore I would be hesitant to use extreme leverage, as it could get you hurt rather quickly.

**Market Watch**

Open	\$1,283.10
High	\$1,298.80
Low	\$1,241.70
Close	\$1,279.30

*(Prices as of August 9<sup>th</sup> ,2017)*

**Moving Averages**

5 DMA	\$1,263.06
10 DMA	\$1,271.79
14 DMA	\$1,271.99
50 DMA	\$1,258.01

**Bollinger Bands**

Upper Band	\$1,297.23
Middle Band	\$1,226.40
Lower Band	\$1,240.16

**Support**

Support 1	\$1227.24
Support 2	\$1,220.23

**Resistance**

Resistance 1	\$1,239.96
Resistance 2	\$1,245.67

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**SILVER**

The silver market exploded to the upside on Wednesday, as we broke above the \$16.50 level. This was due to rhetoric coming out of both Pyongyang and Washington DC, as there seems to be a significant amount of tension on the Korean peninsula. Cooler heads will prevail though, because a nuclear war suddenly popping up would be a bit of a surprise to say the least.



**TECHNICAL**

I think that the impulsivity of this move is probably short-lived. I believe in selling signs of exhaustion when they appear, but obviously we don't have it quite yet. The \$17 level above could cause that, so I believe that signs of rolling over near that level would be a opportunity to go short.

**Market Watch**

Open	\$16.92
High	\$17.07
Low	\$16.82
Close	\$16.86

*(Prices as of August 9<sup>th</sup> , 2017)*

**Moving Averages**

5 DMA	\$16.897
10 DMA	\$17.170
14 DMA	\$17.230
50 DMA	\$17.057

**Bollinger Band**

Upper Band	\$17.03
Middle Band	\$16.23
Lower Band	\$15.94

**Support**

Support 1	\$17.8063
Support 2	\$17.6867

**Resistance**

Resistance 1	\$18.0553
Resistance 2	\$18.1847

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**NATURAL GASS**

The natural gas markets initially dipped on Wednesday, but then exploded above the \$2.85 level. We are starting to run into a bit of exhaustion though, and we are approaching a gap from late July.



**TECHNICAL**

I believe that the sellers are going to come back and as the market has gotten ahead of itself. I continue to sell natural gas longer-term, and moves like this are opportunities to sell from higher levels. Quite frankly, I don't think the market can get above the \$2.93 level because of that gap.

**Market Watch**

Open	\$2.87
High	\$2.89
Low	\$2.87
Close	\$2.88

*(Prices as of August 9<sup>th</sup> , 2017)*

**Moving Averages**

5 DMA	\$2.90
10 DMA	\$2.92
14 DMA	\$2.94
50 DMA	\$3.05

**Bollinger Band**

Upper Band	\$3.10
Middle Band	\$2.42
Lower Band	\$2.74

**Support**

Support 1	\$2.961
Support 2	\$2.965

**Resistance**

Resistance 1	\$2.960
Resistance 2	\$2.991

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**COPPER**

Copper investors continued to toy with highs not seen since May 2015 on Wednesday. However, the move may have been hampered by a volatile U.S. Dollar which tends to effect demand for the dollar-denominated commodity. Traders also reacted to a disappointing Chinese consumer inflation report and signs of increased buying by domestic and overseas commodity funds.



**TECHNICAL**

I think we've hit a critical area on the charts. Bullish traders are going to have to be willing to buy strength at current price levels to drive this market through resistance. However, they are going to need a catalyst to give them enough confidence to do this since prices are relatively expensive.

**Market Watch**

Open	\$2.94
High	\$2.56
Low	\$2.54
Close	\$2.92

*(Prices as of August 9<sup>th</sup> , 2017)*

**Moving Averages**

5 DMA	\$2.666
10 DMA	\$2.663
14 DMA	\$2.655
50 DMA	\$2.608

**Bollinger Band**

Upper Band	\$2.60
Middle Band	\$2.24
Lower Band	\$2.47

**Support**

Support 1	\$2.659
Support 2	\$2.670

**Resistance**

Resistance 1	\$2.659
Resistance 2	\$2.670

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# Today's Economic Calendar

Date	1:24am	Currency		Forecast	Previous
Thu Aug 10	12:30am	JPY	Tertiary Industry Activity m/m	0.20%	-0.10%
	2:45am	EUR	French Industrial Production m/m	-0.60%	1.90%
	4:00am	EUR	Italian Trade Balance	3.87B	4.34B
	4:30am	GBP	Manufacturing Production m/m	0.00%	-0.20%
		GBP	Goods Trade Balance	-11.0B	-11.9B
		GBP	Construction Output m/m	1.40%	-1.20%
		GBP	Industrial Production m/m	0.10%	-0.10%
	8:00am	GBP	NIESR GDP Estimate		0.30%
	8:30am	CAD	NHPI m/m	0.50%	0.70%
		USD	PPI m/m	0.10%	0.10%
		USD	Unemployment Claims	240K	240K
		USD	Core PPI m/m	0.20%	0.10%
	10:00am	USD	FOMC Member Dudley Speaks		
	10:30am	USD	Natural Gas Storage	38B	20B
	1:01pm	USD	30-y Bond Auction		2.94 2.3
	2:00pm	USD	Federal Budget Balance	-60.9B	-90.2B
	6:30pm	NZD	Business NZ Manufacturing Index		56.2
	6:45pm	NZD	FPI m/m		0.20%
	7:30pm	AUD	RBA Gov Lowe Speaks		
	All Day	JPY	Bank Holiday		

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