

Sermon Resources

Sermon: The Gift Is Not The King

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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Genesis 22:1-19

IDOLATRY IS OFTEN HIDDEN IN GOD'S GREATEST GIFTS.
DETHRONING IDOLS IS AN URGENT ACT OF WORSHIP.
WE LOVE OTHERS BEST WHEN WE LOVE GOD MOST.

(SERMON IN A SENTENCE) God's gifts do not fit or belong on the throne of our hearts.

MEMORY VERSE

"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

Genesis 22:12

WHAT DO I NEED TO ASK?

(Icebreaker) Adam shared a few examples of animals with "unusual" parenting habits... Do you know any odd animal facts? Share with the group!

Read Genesis 22:1-2 and put yourself in Abraham's shoes. How would you feel toward God in this moment? Why do you think God chose this way to test Abraham's faith?

What good gift(s) has God given you that you have turned into an idol?

Adam made the point that "dethroning idols is an urgent act of worship." How does this idea of "urgent worship" influence how and when you remove the idols that are currently in your life?

Read Genesis 22:11-13. Before the sacrifice was made, God provided a way out. What does this passage teach us about God's character?

Who are you worshipping – the gift or the giver? What can you do this week to make sure you have the right one on the throne of your heart?