

The Stories in History #10 — Test of Love

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Genesis 22:1-19

- Why did God do this to Abraham?
 - Why did He want to test his love?
- How does God test our love?
 - How has He test your love and confronted your idolatry?

Love and idols

- God wants us to love Him more than anything
 - We replace Him with idols

Isaiah 44

- What does this text say about idolatry?
- What is an idol?
 - What are some idols that we have?
 - What are some of the idols you have?
- What do they make us do?
 - What is the problem of having idols?
- How has your life been impacted by your idols?
 - How have you turned your heart away from God?
- How do we protect ourselves from idols?
 - What does love and glorify God have to do with idolatry?

Application: What should we do?

#1) Know what yours is

What's yours?

- What would you be asked to take to the mountain?
- That thing, person, experience
 - That fights for your heart
 - What do you love the most
- What is so important to you

- What is your life

What's yours?

#2) Love God more

- Is not so much to try to love your idols less
 - Is to love God more

The biggest way to do this is:

Non-Christian: Surrender to Him

- Love God by surrendering to Him
 - Surrender to Jesus and decide to follow Him
 - By repentance and baptism
 - Accepting Him as your Lord and Savior
- That way you will put Him in the center of your heart
 - And He will put His Holy Spirit in you

What is stopping you from making this decision to surrender to Him?

Christian: Spend more time with Him

- Love and admiration comes from
 - Seeing Him
 - Being with Him
- Conversations
 - Read
 - Pray
- Thoughts
 - Meditate
 - Fast
 - Praise
- Obedience
 - Work for the Kingdom
 - Resist your sin
- Will you love Him more

How can you spend more time with God?