## The Stories in History #10 — Test of Love

### Test of Love

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?