## 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?