

American Idols: Kids and Idolatry

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1. Why is idolizing our kids particularly tempting in our culture? In what ways does our suburban culture promote and encourage this?
2. Read Genesis 12:1-2 and Hebrews 11:8. Do you have the faith to follow God like Abraham? What does that look like?
3. Are you following God in order to get the things that you want? Why do we tend to struggle with seeing God as a means to an end?
4. Where do you find your identity, security and worth? What does this reveal about your tendencies toward idolatry?
5. Read Genesis 22:2-10 and Hebrews 11:17-19. Can you imagine being in Abraham's position? What does it look like when we trust God this way?
6. Read Genesis 22:12-14. Do you love God supremely over all things, including your kids? How does the object of your love influence your choices and priorities?
7. Read John 1:29 and 3:16. How does God's affectionate sacrifice of his own son give us an example of how to be in right relationship with our kids?
8. In what ways do you need to shift your perspective on your children in order to avoid idolizing them? How do you need to adapt your finances, schedule, and priorities in order to reflect a correct mindset?