

“American Idols: Releasing the Idol of Control”

Genesis 22:1-19

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We can surrender control because God and His promises are trustworthy.

1. **RECOGNIZE THE LIE OF CONTROL**
(Genesis 12:1,2; 13:16; 15:3-8; 16:1-4, 11-12)

2. **REVEAL THE TRUTH FOR CONTROL**

3. **REPLACE THE IDOL OF CONTROL** (Genesis 22:1-19)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: 2 Corinthians 12:9,10

Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER: What areas of your life do you find yourself slipping into control freak mode and what triggers you to do so?

1. Describe the level of control you really have in your life.
2. What were the promises that God gave to Abraham and Sarah?
3. Why were these promises difficult for them to trust?
4. What were the consequences of Abraham and Sarah's pursuit of control?
5. What are the dangers of believing the lies of the idol of control?
6. Why do we spend so much energy trying to exert control over our lives and others?
7. How was God's test of Abraham offering Isaac a test for Idols?
8. What did Abraham believe would happen as he and Isaac went up the mountain?
9. How does faith in God's sovereign provision help us overcome the idol of control?
10. What are some other ways we can break the grip of the idol of control?
11. How can we pray for you this week?