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## WARM UP

Your house is on fire. What would be the first 3 things you would save from the blaze and why?

## WORD

Read **Genesis 22: 1-18**

In this passage in Genesis 22, the story of Abraham and Isaac where Abraham was told to sacrifice his son on an altar atop a mountain. It's here in Genesis 22, that we have the first mention of the word "Worship". What does this encounter tell us about worship?

## NOTES

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## 1 Worship = Sacrifice

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*<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."*

**Genesis 22:1-2** (ESV)

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

**Romans 12:1** (ESV)

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Worship is synonymous with sacrifice. You can tell what a person worships by what they are willing to sacrifice for. The ultimate sacrifices are made for the ultimate priorities in our lives.

- What takes ultimate priority in our life, and how is it reflected in our schedules, our budgets and our thoughts?
  - Can we say that we are willing to sacrifice everything unto God, the way he sacrificed His best for us?
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## 2 Worship = Obedience

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*(the Angel) said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."*

**Genesis 22:12** (ESV)

*"Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams."*

**1 Samuel 15:22** (ESV)

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To worship God is to obey Him fully. We cannot say that we worship God, and not have our lives reflect that worship in our submissive obedience to Him. Let us ask God for the grace to obey Him even and especially when it is so hard to.

- Can we honestly say that we worship the LORD if we don't obey him? why/why not?
  - Have you settled it in your heart to obey God, no matter what the cost? why/why not?
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## ▲ PRAYER

Pray that Jesus Christ would be LORD of our lives, and that he would call the shots in every area of our lives. Pray that God will give you the grace to obey Him, faith to trust Him, and an overwhelming sense of His love that drives us to worship Him at all times.