

The Lost Son

Matthew 10:37

37 "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;

Genesis 22:1-2, 11-12

1 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

2 Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

11 But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

12 "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."



"Human beings can't make one another really happy for long."

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"You cannot love a fellow-creature fully till you love God." Page 100

"Everything will be yours. God Himself will be yours. But not that way. Nothing can be yours by nature." Page 103

"There is but one good; that is God. Everything else is good when it looks to Him and bad when it turns from Him." Page 106

Discussion Questions:

How does loving God fully change our abilities to love others?

Is it bad to love your family more than you love God? Why?

How can we recognize idolatry in our lives?

What did Pastor Jamie mean when he spoke about the things that we give up today being redeemed by God in heaven in the future?

Why do we have to surrender control in order to find God's love as the source?

What changes about your love for others when God's love is the source?

When God gives you a greater grace to love others after surrendering them to Him, how can you keep from turning them back into idols again?

Ministry Time Questions:

Does anyone need to surrender their love for a family member over to God instead of keeping it in their own strength?

Is anyone struggling with anger towards God over things that He has taken out of your life?

*Before next week, read through chapter 12 in *The Great Divorce*.*