

DRAW NEAR

And Be Changed!
Genesis 22; 2 Chronicles 3:1

Message: October 11, 2020

Key thought: When you draw near to God in genuine worship, you will never be the same!

Discuss:

- How would you define “worship”? How is a religious experience different from experiencing God? What are things (good or bad) that often influence our desire to worship the Lord?
- Times of great difficulty or trial often lead to us growing in our faith. Recall a time in your life where you saw your faith grow because of a trial.
- Read Genesis 22:1-19. What stands out to you most from these verses? What does true “worship” look like in this passage?
- Read Genesis 22:6-8 & Hebrews 11:17-19. How does the account of Abraham and Isaac specifically reveal the story of the gospel? How does this truth allow us to draw near to God?

Apply:

- One of the principles that we learn from our passage is that God will test the sincerity of your faith. In what specific ways do you see God testing Abraham’s faith? How do you see this to be true in your own life and in the life of the church in these days?
- Another principle that we learn from our passage is that God will not tolerate any rivals to His preeminence in your life. How do you see God calling Abraham to give up his pride, personal agendas, and possessions? What are the signs that something has become an idol? What is something that can often take the throne in your heart?
- In light of our passage, we are called to draw near to God by responding in faith to the tests of life. How have you seen people respond to their spiritual life and the church in the midst of trials in these days? Are you going through any trials of faith right now?

Prayer for one another: Pray that we would have the humility and the obedience to submit and repent of worshipping anything other than the Lord. Ask the Lord to reign supremely in our hearts and to reveal anything that we have in His place.

