



Empty Promises - When I Finally Have It

Have you ever thought that you needed some tangible thing to be happy? Did you get it? How long did that happiness last?

When you think of an idol, what comes to mind?

What are the biggest idols of today? How would one know if they were struggling with one?

Have you ever had to make a major move or drastic change that seemed bizarre at the time, but you truly felt God was calling you to do it?

Read: Hebrews 11:17-19, Genesis 22

What would be the equivalent to Abraham sacrificing his firstborn son in today's society?

Abraham believed God was both holy and gracious. How do you think Abraham would have reacted to God's command if he had strayed from this belief?

Idols enslave. How may have Abraham's idolatrous love for Isaac enslaved him if it had gone unchecked? What would have been the consequences for both Abraham and Isaac?

In what ways is the story of Abraham and Isaac a foreshadowing of the story of Jesus Christ?

Read: Romans 8:31-39

How do Abraham and Isaac remind us of the Father's love for us?

How do we identify our personal "Isaac"s? Could you take yours up to the altar?

We must not make the mistake of thinking that this story means all we have to do is be willing to part with our idols rather than actually leave them behind.

Spend some time praying together and for each other. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you and the men/women in your LifeGroup strength to do what God requires.

Share any personal requests, challenges, hopes and fears. Pray for the people in your life who don't know Jesus.