



SPRING SEMESTER

Sermon Series: "And First Place Goes To..." (Idols)

Series Description: Idolatry is seeking security and meaning in someone or something other than God. It is worshipping anything that ought to be used OR using anything that is meant to be worshipped. God will put up with a great many things in the human heart, but there is one thing that He will not put up with in it—a second place. He who offers God a second place offers Him no place. Every one of us is, from his mother's womb, an expert in inventing idols, worshipping something other than God. Our aim in this series is to not only call out the idols in our lives but learn how the Gospel demolishes them.

Sermon Summary: While many of us would be quick to point out the idols in our lives, the one that probably doesn't get discussed or a lot of attention is **our children**. It's true. What might feel like to us a natural urge to sacrifice so much **for our kids** might instead be us striving to sacrifice **to our kids**. The difference is found in where we find our hope and our joy.

Idols say: "If you die for me, I'll give you everything you want."

Jesus says: "I died for you because you're everything I want."

Opener: What were your takeaways from the sermon on Sunday?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Right off the bat... Name something in your life that you have a tendency to give 'first place' to other than God?
2. Why do **you think** the pull to make children our idol so subtle? How have you experienced this?
3. What are some examples of how we sacrifice *for our kids* and examples of how we sacrifice *to our kids*?
Where do you see yourself on this paradigm?
4. How is the reality that Jesus died for you helping you break and overcome the cycle of idols in your life? What does that kind of thriving look like?
5. How might our freedom from idols impact our missional responsibility to our children and to other people God has put before us?

PRAYER REQUESTS

ALL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **2022 Bible Reading Plan:** Next month: **Psalms 1-75.** Get your bookmark with the reading plan in guest services.
- **April 29-30 – Resonate Women’s Spring Conference.** <https://bibleequipping.org/fremont> to register!