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Abby Tracy is a remarkable 23-year-old young lady from Arizona who now lives in Kampala, Uganda. More than two million children live on the streets in Uganda, and Abby wants to share the Gospel with them and rescue many from the violence, abuse and loneliness they experience on a daily basis. These children do not have parents or anyone caring for them. Every night they sleep on the streets with a piece of cardboard for a pillow and a piece of trash for a blanket.

Recently Abby visited the States and a group of college-age women asked her this question, "Abby, at 23, do you ever desire to live here in the States, get a car, start your career, get an iPhone, update your Facebook status like everyone else and live the American dream?" Her reply was simple but pointed and biblical, "All those things you just mentioned, every one of them is temporal, fleeting and fading but the souls of these children are eternal. If I do not share Christ with them, who will?"

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Our hearts are so prone to set our affections on things (idols). In this week's lesson, your children will study Elijah and an idol that people in his day bowed to called Baal. God's glory was given to another and He could not allow His people to live in their sin of idol worship. Remember Exodus 20? "No other idols ..."

Can we think of an idol our family might be tempted to bow to?

As those in Elijah's day, we are often tempted to worship idols. Even our children can become our idols if we aren't careful. Do our calendars, budgets, fears and anxieties all revolve around those things that will last for eternity and how are we helping our children to do the same?

Treasure Verse: "Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven" (Psalm 148:11-13).

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"SELF is an idol which has been worshiped by
 far greater multitudes than any other deity of either ancient or modern
 heathenism." – John Angell James



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