



URGENTLY DEVOTED

GUARDING YOUR ALLEGIANCE
2 CORINTHIANS 11:1-4

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1. Understand _____ (vv.1-2)

2 Cor. 11:1 *I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Do bear with me! 2 For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. 3 But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. 4 For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.* (ESV)

2. Beware _____ (v.3)

3. Don't _____ (v.4)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Exodus 34:14**. In what ways is God's righteous jealousy fundamentally different from sinful human jealousy? Why is this distinction important? How would you explain it to someone uncomfortable with the idea of a jealous God?
2. Read **Exodus 34:12-16**. The drift God warned Israel about came not through persecution but through shared tables and relationships. What associations in your own life pose the greatest subtle risk?
3. Read **Jeremiah 2:2** and **Ephesians 5:25-27**. A bride with divided affections is not ready for the wedding. How would you honestly assess the current state of your love for Christ against the standard these passages set?
4. Read **Ephesians 6:11-12**. Satan's schemes rarely feel like deception, instead they feel like enlightenment. What specific distortions of Christ or the gospel do you encounter most regularly, and what makes them so appealing?
5. Read **Revelation 2:4-5**. Jesus tells the Ephesians to remember, repent, and do the works you did at first. What specific works marked your early devotion to Christ that are largely absent from your life today?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 21-08 – **The Paganism of the People**
Msg. 14-42 – **A New Year of Faithfulness in a World of Apostasy**
Msg. 11-27 – **The Centrality of Scripture & Expository Preaching**
Msg. 11-15 – **Making the Most of Daily Bible Study**
Msg. 18-30 – **The Ongoing Betrayal**
Msg. 13-30 – **Apostasy & Stumbling Saints**
Msg. 14-18 – 14-24 – **Ears Up!** (a seven-part series on receptivity to God's word)

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

April 19th 1Sam. 27-29 & Lk. 17:1-19
April 20th 1Sam. 30-31 & Lk. 17:20-37
April 21st 2Sam. 1-3 & Lk. 18:1-17
April 22nd 2Sam. 4-6 & Lk. 18:18-43
April 23rd 2Sam. 7-9 & Lk. 19:1-28
April 24th 2Sam. 10-12 & Lk. 19:29-48
April 25th 2Sam. 13-14 & Lk. 20:1-26
April 26th 2Sam. 15-16 & Lk. 20:27-47

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Ortlund, Raymond C. Jr. **God's Unfaithful Wife: A Biblical Theology of Spiritual Adultery**. InterVarsity Press, 2001.
Pache, René. **The Inspiration and Authority of Scripture**. Moody Press, 1969.
Packer, J. I. **Knowing God**. InterVarsity Press, 1993.
Sproul, R. C. **Everyone's a Theologian: An Introduction to Systematic Theology**. Reformation Trust, 2014.
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Wells, David F. **Above All Earthly Powers: Christ in a Postmodern World**. Eerdmans, 2005.
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