



We are messed up on the outside because we are messed up on the inside.

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You adulterous people!

James 4:4a

In that day this is the Lord's declaration you will call me, "My husband," Hosea 2:16

I will take you to be my wife forever. I will take you to be my wife in righteousness, justice, love, and compassion. I will take you to be my wife in faithfulness, and you will know the Lord.

Hosea 2:19-20

For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy, because I have promised you in marriage to one husband—to present a pure virgin to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:2

However, as a woman may betray her lover, so you have betrayed me, house of Israel. Jeremiah 3:20 ...but they did not listen to their judges. Instead, they prostituted themselves with other gods, bowing down to them.

Judges 2:17

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God has something <u>better</u> than <u>worldly pursuits</u>

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• A "world system" that leaves God out

 The whole system of human institutions, values and traditions that are opposed to God and the works of God Don't you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? So, whoever wants to be the friend of the world becomes the enemy of God. James 4:4

- a friendship based on common interests, common desires, and common pursuits
- highlights the emotional connection and satisfaction that friends find in being with each other

God is jealous for our undivided devotion

The spirit he made to dwell in us envies intensely... James 4:5

"I the Lord your God am a jealous God." Exodus 20:5

"For the Lord whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God." Exodus 32:14 Because the LORD is jealous for his reputation, you are never to bow down to another god. He is a jealous God.

Exodus 34:14

For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy, because I have promised you in marriage to one husband—to present a pure virgin to Christ. 2 Corinthians 11:2 I am the Lord. That is my name, and I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.

Isaiah 42:8

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We need <u>God's grace</u> every day

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But he gives greater grace. Therefore he says: God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

James 4:6