

Welcome to Sierra Community Church



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Jeremiah 2:1–8;11;13
&21–32

1. What is Jeremiah describing?

¹³“My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

-Jeremiah 2:13

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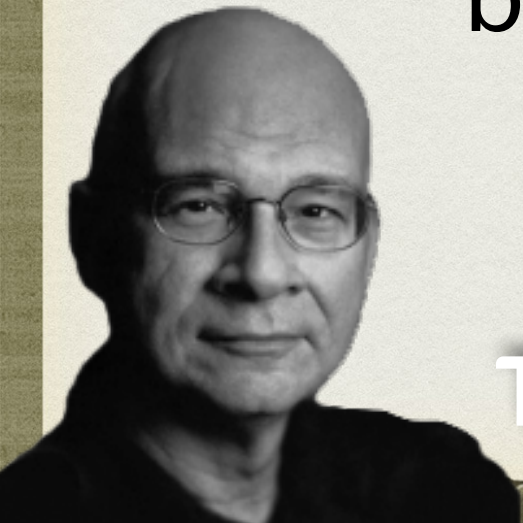
'I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me...²⁰ "Long ago you broke off your yoke and tore off your bonds; you said, 'I will not serve you!' Indeed, on every high hill and under every spreading tree you lay down as a prostitute.' -Jeremiah 2:20

1. What is Jeremiah describing?

Jeremiah uses an illustration comparing how lust and desire can lead us away from our marriages to pursue fulfillment from others. In the same way our lust and desires can lead us away from the fulfillment only God can offer.

“Spiritually speaking, if God is not the center of your meaning in life and whose affirmation is the not source of your self-worth and whose power is not the source of your security, if it’s not God, your in bed with something else spiritually.”

Tim Keller, “How Sin makes us addicts”



2. What does it tell us about ourselves?

It is easy to take the good things God has made available to us and make them our ultimate pursuits.

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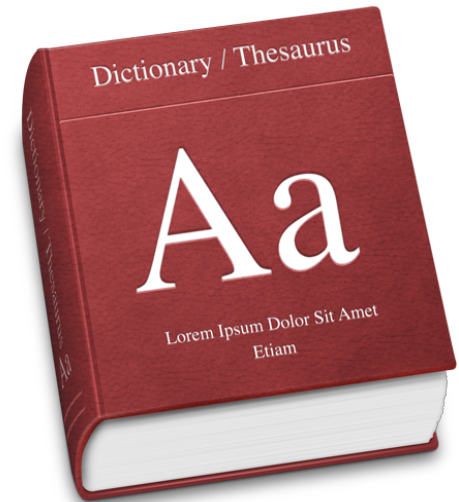
27 They say to wood, 'You are my father,' and to stone, 'You gave me birth.' They have turned their backs to me and not their faces; when they are in trouble, they say, 'Come and save us!' 28 Where then are the gods you made for yourselves? Let them come if they can save you when you are in trouble!

-Jeremiah 2:27-28

“sensuality”

Hebrew: אֲוֵה

Greek: ἀσέλγεια

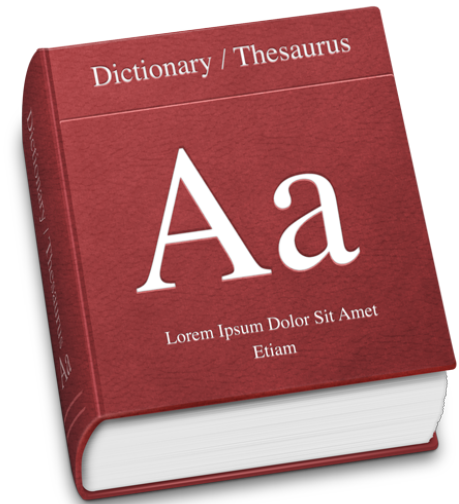


Definition: *Absence of restraint in pursuit of pleasure.*

“a wild donkey accustomed to the desert, sniffing the wind in her craving— in her heat who can restrain her?” -Jeremiah2:25

“Lust”

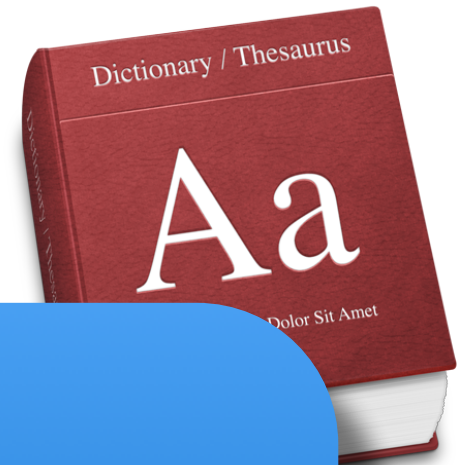
Greek: ἐπιθυμέω



Definition: *to long for, covet, lust after, set the heart upon.*

epí: “focused on” + thymós: “passion”

“Lust”



What is your
***“focused
passion”*** in life?

epí: “focused on” + *thymós*: “passion”

3. What does it tell us about God?

'I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through the wilderness, through a land not sown.'

-Jeremiah 2:2

3. What does it tell us about God?

Although God is not incomplete without us, He uses marriage language, the most intimate of human relationship to describe how He became vulnerable to us, wrapping His happiness up with ours.



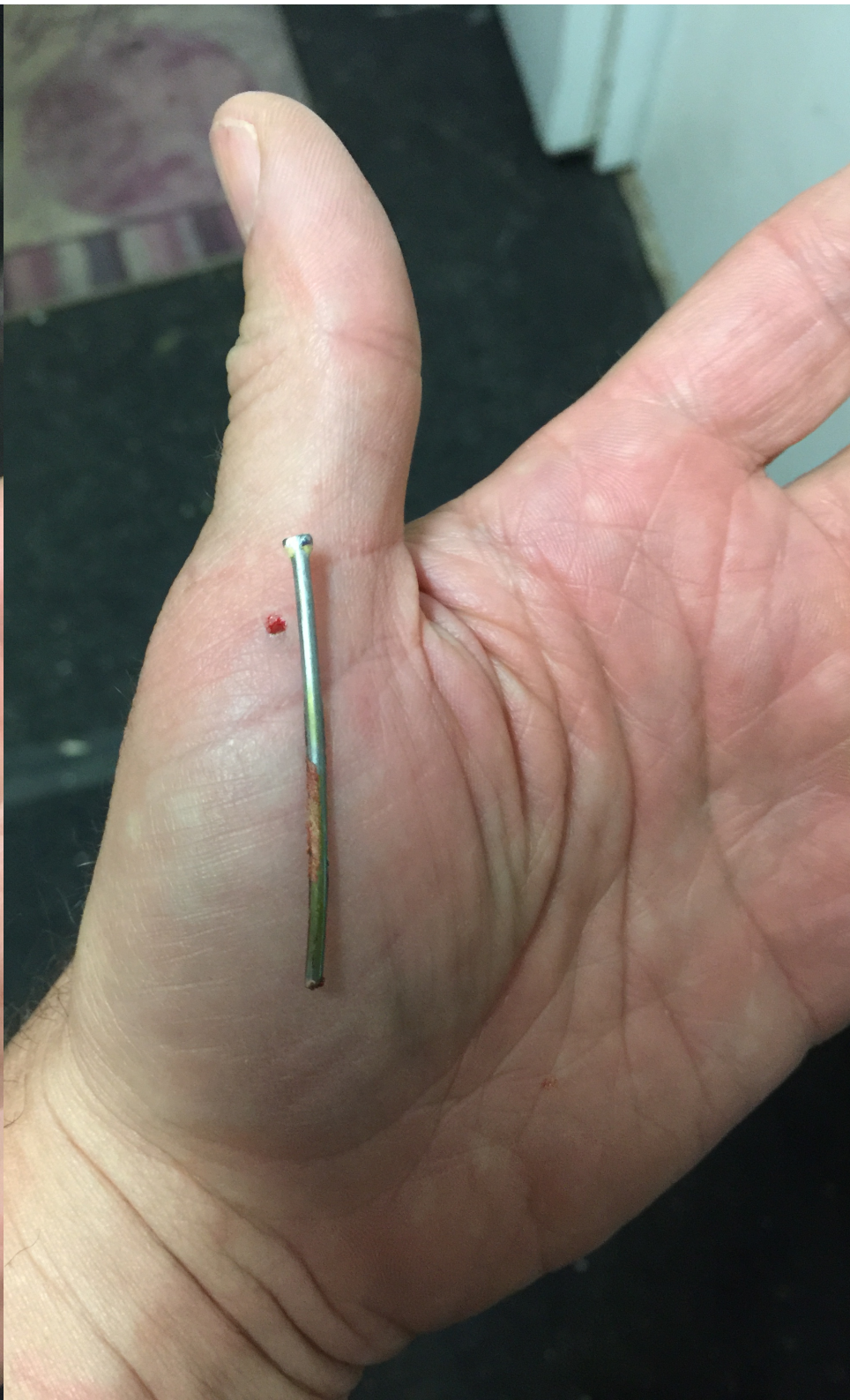
“Many of the popular images of God are of a Warrior, a Creator, a Judge, a System of Theology, a set of absolute Truths, A Father, the writer of an owners manual.

But a Lover?”

4. How Can we experience restoration?

*Consider then and realize
how evil and bitter it is for you when
you forsake the LORD your God'*

-Jeremiah 2:19



4. How Can we experience restoration?

a. Restoration begins when we admit that we choose to place something other than God at the center of our pursuits.

4. How Can we experience restoration?

**b. Regularly reminding
ourselves of who God is and
What He has done for us
helps us to maintain a solid
relationship with Him.**

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*remember the devotion of your
youth’ -Jeremiah 2:2*

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“Does a young woman forget her jewelry, a bride her wedding ornaments? Yet my people have forgotten me, days without number.”

-Jeremiah 2:32

“do this in
remembrance
of me”

–Luke 22:19