

How our passions can ruin our lives and how to restore it when they do.



“What is really wrong with the world” Part #2 Jer. 2:1-8,11,13&21-32  
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“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

### 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.

Jeremiah 2:13 “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 2:1&20 ‘I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me...’<sup>20</sup>“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.’

### 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.

Jeremiah 2:27-28 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!’<sup>28</sup> Where then are the gods you made for yourselves? Let them come if they can save you when you are in trouble!

### 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.

Jeremiah 2:2 ‘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.’

“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?” -Rob Bell Sex God pg.97

### 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.

Jeremiah 2:2 ‘remember the devotion of your youth’

Jeremiah 2:19 ‘Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you when you forsake the LORD your God’

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

Jeremiah 2:32 “Does a young woman forget her jewelry, a bride her wedding ornaments? Yet my people have forgotten me, days without number.”

“Lust” Greek: ἐπιθυμέω  
ἐπί: “focused on” + thymós: “passion”

<b>Notes:</b>	

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