

Beltway Park

That's What God Said

Jealous

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Text: Song of Songs 8:6-8 (p.673)

In every circumstance and situation of life, God is working toward one end. God is working powerfully in the present to reveal the greatness and _____ of His heart and to draw us nearer to Him.

That is true in times we see Him intervene in what we call miraculous ways, and it is also true when He gives us grace to persevere and grow in the midst of the _____ of life. (*Rm. 8:28*)

What we deep within believe about the heart of God toward us will always be the most _____ aspect of our faith.

What we believe deep within (and not just what we say we believe) about the heart of God will determine the _____ and direction of our faith.

_____ is intended to give us insights into our relationship with God.

The intensity of desires we have in a marriage relationship are actually a _____ of the depth and intimacy of the relationship God desires to have with you and I. (*Eph. 5:32*)

In the Bible, we are given different images of human relationships and how they are _____ to our relationship with God. God wants us to grow from one relationship to another.

- The foundational relationship that is a picture of our relationship with God is the _____. (*Jn. 13:13-14*)
 - Another level of relationship pictured in the Bible is that of a _____. (*Rm. 8:15-16*)
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- God ultimately desires a relationship with us like _____ . (*Rev. 19:6-9; Hos. 2:14-16*)

The image of the _____ is very biblical and life altering if we can grab hold of it properly.

It has nothing to do with _____ and everything to do with God communicating a desire in His heart towards us – a desire that is so radical and so strong that it is unbelievable.

I think most of us as followers of Jesus live in our hearts at the first level – master/servant. When we think about our faith, we think primarily in terms of authority, rules and obedience. We think in terms of _____ and responsibility.

The heart of God is not to have a people serving Him out of duty and _____. He wants more. (*Ps. 51:16-17*)

God is jealous _____ us. (*Ex. 34:14*)

There is a time where we are not merely allowed to be jealous, but should be legitimately, biblically jealous. _____.

In a way we cannot even begin to _____ even as a husband or wife, God is jealous for us.

This is so important because we are most defined – we find the core of our identity - by the one who _____ us most.

Christmas is God becoming flesh so that He could live like us and die for us. He did not do it to create a _____ or a system of obligation.

Christmas is God's jealousy for you and for me. Jesus came to fight for - to _____ - us, the church, His bride.

For Christmas I want _____ of God's heart toward me – that He is jealous for me, and that He won't quit, He won't relent, until He has all of my heart. Will you join me?
