

Freedom: God's Jealousy and Our Freedom
Exodus 33 and 34
5-31-20

Sinful Jealousy - Unloving desire to have something that God has given to someone else.

Proverbs 14:30 – "A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones rot."

Proverbs 27:4 – "Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?"

1 Corinthians 3:3 – "For you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?"

Godly Jealousy- A passion to fully love and also fight for something valuable.

Exodus 20:5 – "You shall not worship the (Idols) or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God..."

Deuteronomy 32:16 – "They made Him jealous with strange gods; With abominations they provoked Him to anger."

2 Corinthians 11:2 – "For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin."

Godly jealousy includes:

- 1.** Passionate Love. (Exodus 34:10, 33:12)

John Donne - "Take me to you, imprison me, (unless) You enthrall me, I shall never be free, nor ever chaste, except you ravish me."

- 2.** Priority of relationship. (Exodus 34:11-14)

- 3.** Persistent faithfulness. (Exodus 34:15-16, 33:15-16)

Joshua 24:19 – "Then Joshua said to the people, 'You will not be able to serve the Lord, for He is a holy God. He is a jealous God...'"

Pray – "Father, I want to know Your jealous love for me."

"I ask for _____ to experience Your jealous love."

Faith Sheet

Monthly Transformation Verse: John 8:36 - "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Weekly Transformation Verse: 1 Corinthians 3:16 – "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"

Weekly Reading Plan: Exodus 33-34, 40; Psalm 35; 1 Corinthians 7

Going Deeper This Week

1. What do you most appreciate about God this week?
2. Describe the difference between godly jealousy versus sinful jealousy? Then read James 3:16.
3. How has God's jealousy impacted you in your life?
4. Discuss what you want to show or teach someone this week from what the Lord has taught you.
5. Read about Jesus and Paul concerning their godly jealousy and discuss how to grow in godly jealousy. John 2:13-17, 4:31-28, Acts 20:24 and 26:12-29.
6. J.C. Ryle said a man or woman walking in God's jealousy "is swallowed up by one thing, to please God." Pray this for one another.