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GOD'S HEART FOR ALL OF US...

2 CORINTHIANS 11:2

2 I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.

“A wife who doesn't get jealous and angry when another woman is flirting with her husband isn't really committed to the marriage relationship... Outrage, pain, anguish—these are the appropriate responses to such deep violation.”

—PAUL COPAN, “IS GOD A MORAL MONSTER?”

“God isn't some abstract entity or impersonal principle... We should be amazed that the Creator of the universe would so deeply connect himself to human beings that he would open himself to sorrow and anguish in the face of human rejection and betrayal.”

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THE DANGER OF SPIRITUAL DRIFT...

2 CORINTHIANS 11:3

³ But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

THE DANGER OF SPIRITUAL DRIFT...

- **The lure of moral and spiritual relativism**
- **The distractions of political opinions, conspiracy theories, and speculations**
- **The tolerance of secret sin and spiritual distance in our lives**
- **The sensationalism of spiritual extremes and their promoters**

2 CORINTHIANS 11:4

⁴ For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.

2 CORINTHIANS 11:20

²⁰ In fact, you even put up with anyone who enslaves you or exploits you or takes advantage of you or puts on airs or slaps you in the face.

**PAYING THE PRICE FOR
STAYING TRUE...**

2 CORINTHIANS 11:23-24

²³ Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again.

²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one.

2 CORINTHIANS 11:25-26

²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea,

2 CORINTHIANS 11:25-26

²⁶ I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers.

2 CORINTHIANS 11:27-28

27 I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. 28 Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

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- **DON'T** let following Jesus become too easy

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- **DON'T let following Jesus become too easy**
- **DO give Jesus the first and primary place in your life**

3 “...sincere and pure devotion to Christ”

2 CORINTHIANS 11:3B

ROMANS 5:7-8 (NLT)

⁷ Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. ⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

