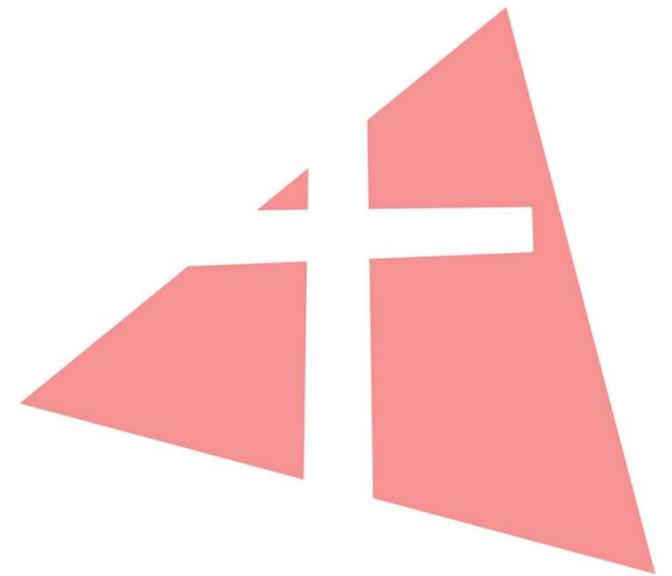


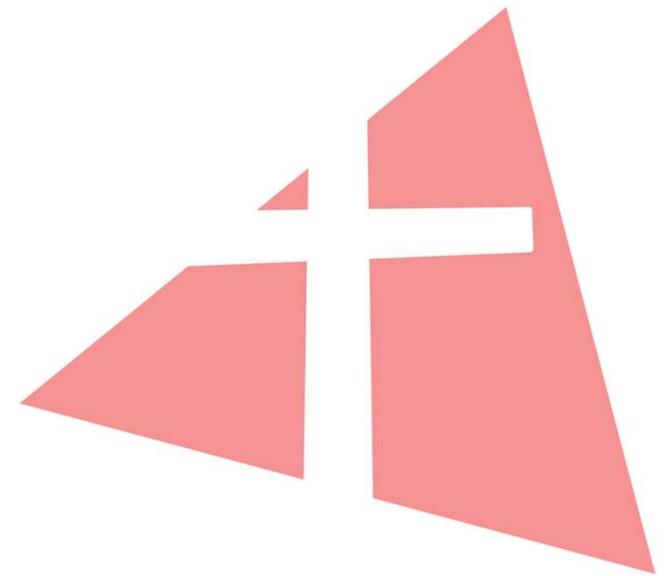
God is a Jealous God

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Last Week

- **God looks at our hearts**



Today's Focus

- God is a jealous God

Exodus 34:14 For you shall worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

Deuteronomy 6:14-15 You shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people who are round about you; (For the LORD your God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and destroy you from off the face of the earth.

Two Words

- **Jealousy**

- It's about "what belongs to me"

- **Covetousness**

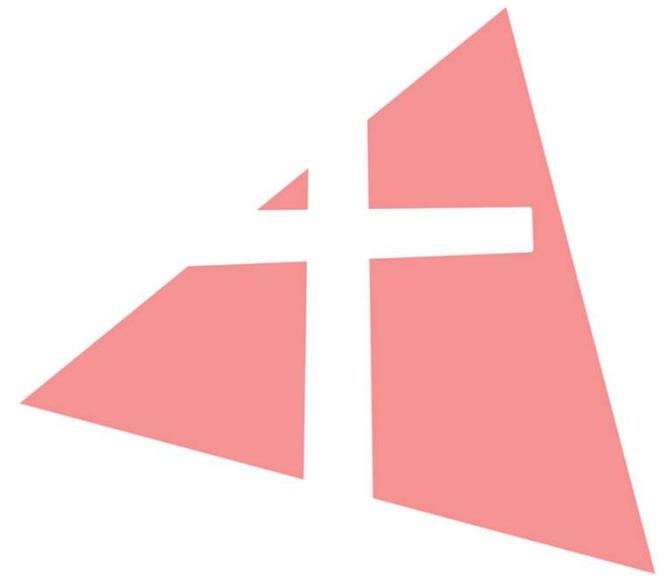
- It's about "what belongs to others"

James 3:14 But if you have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, boast not, and lie not against the truth.

Exodus 20:17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor any thing that is your neighbor's.

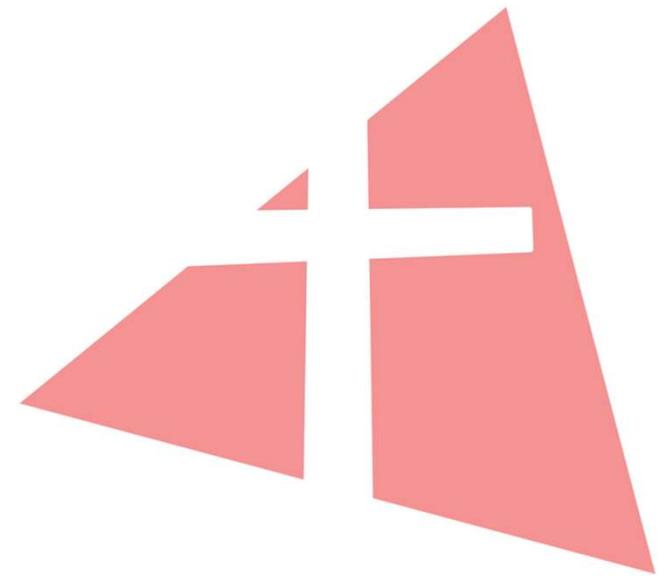
God is Jealous

- **God deserves**
 - Our worship
 - First priority
 - Obedience
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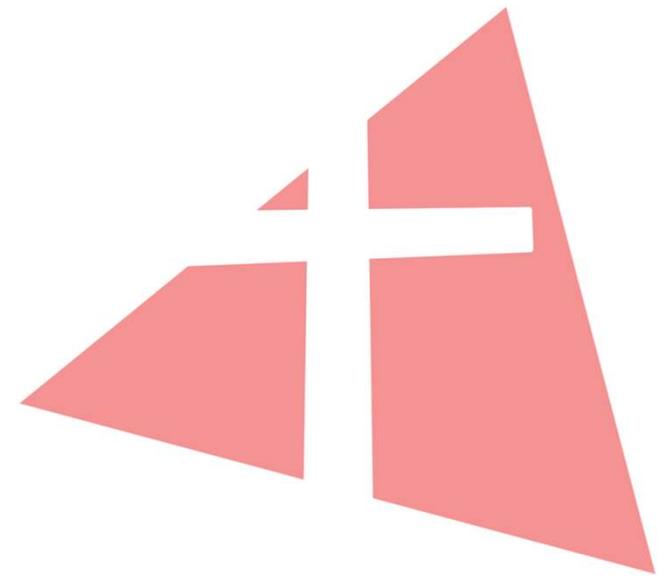
- **God isn't selfish**
- **God simply deserves our worship**



When does God get jealous?

- God gets jealous when we have other gods
- Other gods can be anything that we put ahead of God

Exodus 20:3 You shall have no other gods before me.

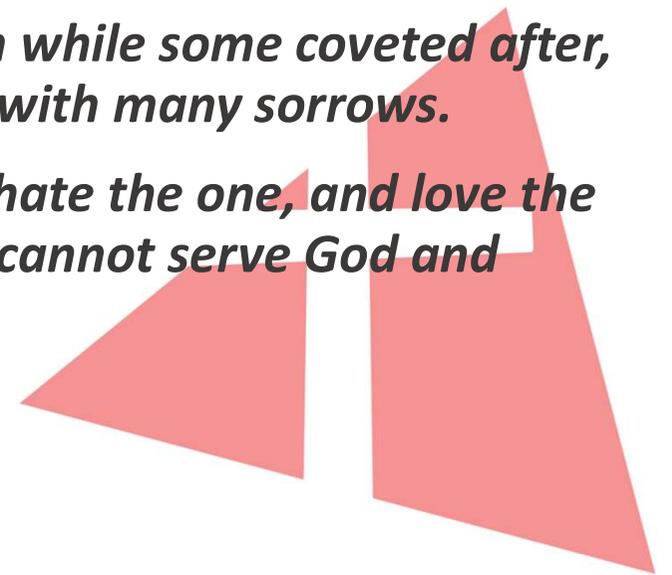


Other Gods

- Money

1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.



Other Gods

- Food
- Worldly things

Philippians 3:19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.

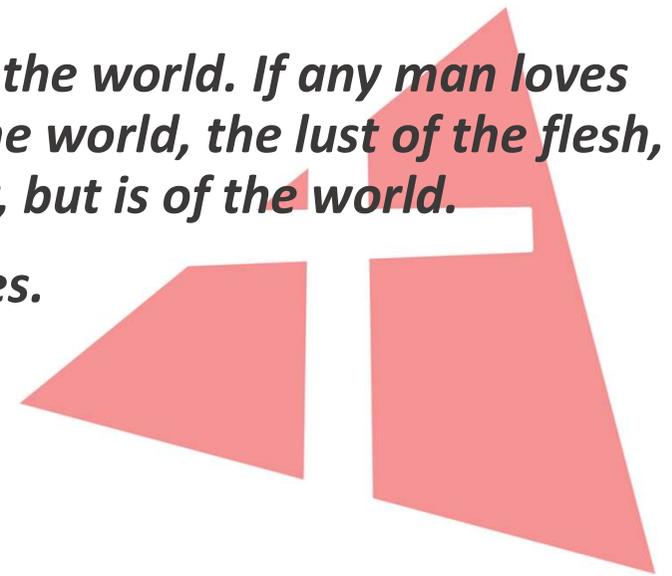


Other Gods

- **Worldly pleasures**

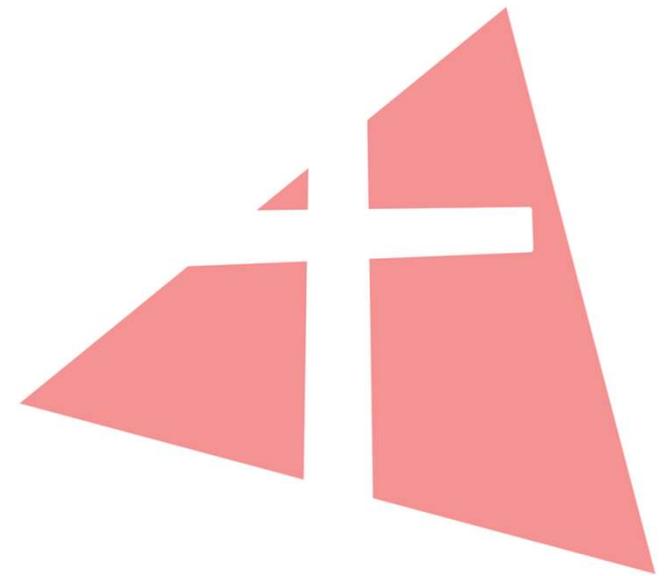
1 John 2:15-16 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1 Timothy 5:6 But she that lives in pleasure is dead while she lives.



Other Gods

○ Time



Other Gods

○ Sin

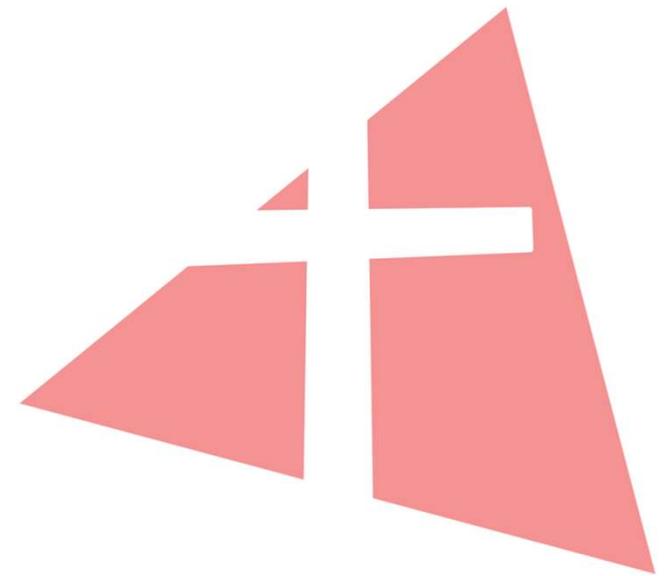
- Sin out of weakness
- Sin out of desire
- Sin because something is more important than God

Hebrews 10:26-27 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful expectation of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.



Other Gods

- **Doing the right thing with wrong motives**



Other Gods

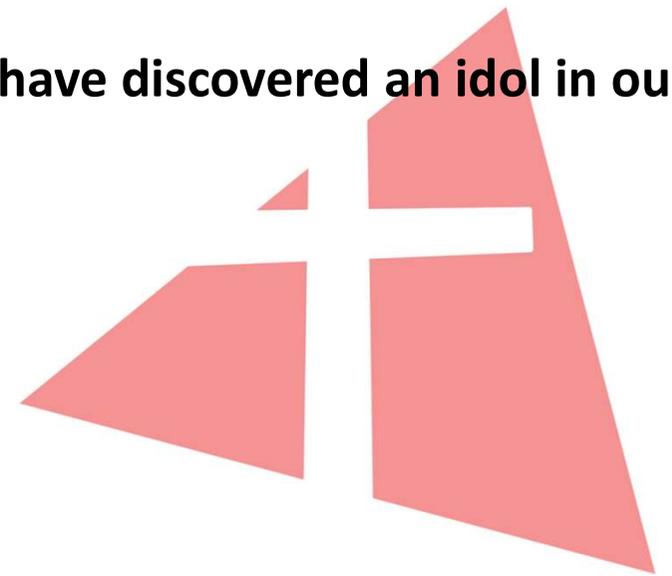
- Taking honor and glory for ourselves

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God.



Other Gods

- **God promised to meet all our needs**
- **Anytime we look for our needs to be met apart from God, we have discovered an idol in our hearts**
 - Difference between “source” and “channel”



In Conclusion

- **God is a jealous God**
- **It's a serious matter**
- **Let's allow God to search our hearts**
 - Surrender our gods that make him jealous

