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## II Corinthians 11:2, 3

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. But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

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# You can overcome spiritual compromise:

By learning from God's Word what you should **avoid**. Genesis 28:1

vs. 1 So Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and charged him, and said to him, "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.

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# Genesis 24:1-4

Now Abraham was old, advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in every way. Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he owned, "Please place your hand under my thigh, and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that **you shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live,** but you will go to my country and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

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## Deuteronomy 7:3-4, 6

“Furthermore, you shall not intermarry with them; you shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor shall you take their daughters for your sons. **“For they will turn your sons away from following Me to serve other gods; ...”**For you are a holy people to the LORD your God;

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# 1 Kings 11:1-4

Now King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the sons of Israel, **“You shall not associate with them, nor shall they associate with you, for they will surely turn your heart away after their gods.”** Solomon held fast to these in love. He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away.

For when Solomon was old, **his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God,** as the heart of David his father had been.

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# You can overcome spiritual compromise:

❖ By learning from God's Word what you should **pursue** instead. Genesis 28:2

Vs. 2 "Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and from there take to yourself a wife from the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.

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## II Corinthians 6:14, 16-18

Do not be bound together with unbelievers... Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, “ I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

“ Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate,” says the Lord. “And do not touch what is unclean; And I will welcome you.

“ And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,” Says the Lord Almighty

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What to pursue:

**God's presence:** "I will dwell with them and walk among them." Dwell =oikos meaning home.

**God's people:** "They shall be My people, I will be a Father to you, you shall be sons and daughters to Me."

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# You can overcome spiritual compromise:

To enjoy God's blessing in your life.

Genesis 28:3-4

3 *“May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples.*

4 *“May He also give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your descendants with you, that you may possess the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham.”*

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# Henry Nouwen

I cannot continuously say no to this or no to that, unless there is something ten times more attractive to choose. Saying no to my lust, my greed, my needs, and the world's powers takes an enormous amount of energy. The only hope is to find something so obviously real and attractive that I can devote all my energies to saying yes. One such thing I can say yes to is when I come in touch with the fact that I am loved. Once I have found that in my total brokenness I am still loved, I become free from the compulsion of doing successful things.

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