

## **“Divided Devotion?”**

**“But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.” (2 Corinthians 11:3)**

### **Fickle First Fruits**

**Genesis 49:3-4 – <sup>3</sup>“Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the firstfruits of my strength, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power. <sup>4</sup>Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence, because you went up to your father’s bed; then you defiled it—he went up to my couch!”**

**Genesis 25:29-34 – <sup>29</sup>“Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. <sup>30</sup>And Esau said to Jacob, ‘Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!’ (Therefore his name was called Edom.) <sup>31</sup>Jacob said, ‘Sell me your birthright now.’ <sup>32</sup>Esau said, ‘I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?’ <sup>33</sup>Jacob said, ‘Swear to me now.’ So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup>Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.”**

**Jeremiah 2:1-5 – <sup>1</sup>“The word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>‘Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem, Thus says the LORD, I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride, how you followed me in the wilderness, in a land not sown. <sup>3</sup>Israel was holy to the LORD, the firstfruits of his harvest. All who ate of it incurred guilt; disaster came upon them, declares the LORD.’ <sup>4</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the clans of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD: ‘What wrong did your fathers find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthlessness, and became worthless?’”**

### **Jesus’ Jerky Generation**

**Matthew 17:17 – “And Jesus answered, ‘O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you?...””**

**John 2:23-24** – <sup>23</sup>“Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people”

**John 12:42-43** – <sup>42</sup>“Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup>for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.”

**John 13:21-27** – <sup>21</sup>“After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.’ <sup>22</sup>The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. <sup>23</sup>One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus’ side, <sup>24</sup>so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. <sup>25</sup>So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, ‘Lord, who is it?’ <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered, ‘It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it.’ So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup>Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, ‘What you are going to do, do quickly.’”

### **Devotion Destroyers**

**2 Timothy 3:1-2, 4** – <sup>1</sup>“But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. <sup>2</sup>For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money... <sup>4</sup>lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,”

### **Devotional Duty & Delight**

**Mark 12:30** – “And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

**Psalms 37:4** – “Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.”

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