

WoW Nation

Unfaithful (WoW)

Scripture: " 'You adulterous wife! You prefer strangers to your own husband!...You will bear the consequences of your lewdness and your detestable practices, declares the LORD" (Eze.16:32, 58 NIV).

The cable TV program *"Unfaithful: Stories of Betrayal"* provides an interesting study in marital infidelity. Each episode chronicles the true life story of two couples that have been affected by adultery. In some cases, one partner has strayed. In other cases, both partners have strayed. Though neither situation is ideal, fortunately for them, a good number of couples are able to repair the breach which caused one or both of them to stray. As a result, those marriages are healed. In other cases, however, the endings are not so happy as the marriages end in divorce. *"Unfaithful: Stories of Betrayal"* is a fascinating program for a number of reasons. One, it shows how much of an epidemic infidelity really is. Two, it shows the broad cross-section of people involved in adulterous affairs—ministers, business men, working women, stay-at-home moms. People of all ages, all races and all walks of life are stepping out on their spouses. *(It's sad but true.)* And three, it shows the horrendous consequences that result from affairs including sexually transmitted diseases, sexual harassment lawsuits and children born out of wedlock to name a few. Despite the ugliness of infidelity and the disastrous consequences thereof, the amazing thing about the program is that it provides a wonderful opportunity to witness the power of love, forgiveness and reconciliation between couples whose relationships survive affairs.

Just as marital vows are sacred, so is a Christian's commitment to the Lord. Every believer is a bride, a bride of Christ. And God expects each of us to be faithful to Him, just as He is faithful to us. He is faithful in providing for us, protecting us and loving us unconditionally. Rightfully so, He expects us to be faithful, loyal and loving towards Him in return.

In the theme scripture, the prophet Ezekiel chastised Israel for its unfaithfulness to God. Like a true infidel, Israel had strayed from the Lord and sought after other gods—an act which incensed God and prompted the strong rebuke recorded in Ezekiel 16. Bear in mind, this wasn't the first time that Israel had betrayed her husband. Thus, He was enraged as evidenced by the harsh words delivered by the prophet.

As with Israel, God is jealous over His bride, the Church. He expects unconditional love and lifelong fidelity from each and every member. That being the case, honor God by giving Him the unwavering love and loyalty that's He due. Furthermore, honor your commitment to Him by being mindful of a few of His commandments:

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- ***Don't betray your first love***
 - Do not worship any other Gods (Exo. 20:3)
- ***Don't put others before God (e.g. job, house, spouse, children)***
 - Do not make for yourself any idols (Exo. 20:4)
- ***Don't let the passion go out of your relationship with God***
 - Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. (Deut. 6:5)
- ***Keep God's commandments***
 - "If you love me, you will obey what I command." (John 14:15)
- ***Do the Lord's will***
 - The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." (John 21:17)

A wise person once said, "I love you not only for what you are, but for what I am when I am with you." Though this sentiment is usually reserved for lovers, it's equally appropriate for believers and the Lord, the lover of our souls. We love God not only for who He is, but for who we are when we're with Him. With Him, we have everything we need. And with Him, all things are possible (Mark 10:27). However, without Him, life is like an unsharpened pencil. It has no point. So don't lead a pointless life. Remain faithful and committed to God. And He's sure to do the same for you.

Be blessed.

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