

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Hello! My Name Is...
Message: Jealous
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God is not willing to be just one of our objects of devotion. He needs to be our number one priority. The choice is ours. Jesus spoke often and clearly about the fact that God offers us a relationship with Him as our Savior, which also means He is our Leader. We can choose to not accept His terms, but we cannot have the benefits of being His child (forgiveness, freedom, peace, security, and the hope found in Him and His promises) without choosing to give up everything to follow Him. Of course, we will not be perfect and will fail at times, but a true follower will admit failure, ask God to forgive, get back up, and pursue full devotion to Him.

Here are some excerpts from Jesus' teaching that explain the nature of following and what we can expect. As you read, ask yourself if you are a follower or a fan, a dabbler or truly devoted.

[After His encounter with the wealthy leader (see message notes) Peter raised a question...]

Then Peter began to speak up. "We've given up everything to follow you," he said.

²⁹ "Yes," Jesus replied, "and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or brothers or

sisters or mother or father or children or property, for my sake and for the Good News, ³⁰ will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property—along with persecution. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life. ³¹ But many who are the greatest now will be least important then, and those who seem least important now will be the greatest then."

Mark 10:28–31 (NLT)

⁴⁶ So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say? ⁴⁷ I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. ⁴⁸ It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built. ⁴⁹ But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins.

Luke 6:46–49 (NLT)

²⁴ I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. ²⁵ Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. ²⁶ Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me.

John 12:24–26 (NLT)

²⁵ A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, ²⁶ "If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:25–27 (NLT)

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MESSAGE NOTES



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So far, we have seen that God is:

The Almighty
 The Provider
 The Peace Giver
 The Rock
 The One Who Sees
 The Shepherd
 The Healer

The next name seems out of character at first...

You must worship no other gods, for the LORD, whose very name is Jealous, is a God who is jealous about his relationship with you.
 Exodus 34:14 (NLT)

God's jealousy isn't driven by insecurity, fear or arrogance.

God's jealousy is fueled by His deep love for us.

¹⁷ As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked. "Only God is truly good." ¹⁹ But to answer your question, you know the commandments: 'You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ "Teacher," the man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young." ²¹ Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. "There is still one thing you haven't done," he told him. "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²² At this the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. ²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!" ²⁴ This amazed them. But Jesus said again, "Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God. ²⁵ In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" ²⁶ The disciples were astounded. "Then who in the world can be saved?" they asked. ²⁷ Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God."

Mark 10:17–27 (NLT)

No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other...

Luke 16:13 (NLT)