

**Christian-ish—
A Faith That Puts God Second**

A faith that puts God second reflects a divided heart where God is first in your words, but not in your life.

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

Dear children, keep yourselves from idols. 1 John 5:21 NIV

Idolatry isn't just bowing to golden statues; it's putting anything before God.

God is a jealous God.

“Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.” Exodus 34:14 NIV

“You shall not bow down to [idols] or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God ...” Exodus 20:5 NIV

For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

Deuteronomy 4:24 NIV

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qanna: God's righteous, consuming, covenant-keeping jealousy that relentlessly pursues and protects His relationship with His people

I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. ...

2 Corinthians 11:2 NIV

Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. ...

Psalms 16:4 NIV

Even good things become idols when they take God's place in your heart.

How Do You Know if Something Is an Idol?

- **Does this lead me closer to God or distract me from God?**
- **Do I rely on this more than God for my comfort, my identity, or my worth?**
- **If God asked me to give this up, would I give it up without hesitation?**

**What you resist the hardest
often reveals what controls you the most.**

You don't just remove the idol; you replace it.

TALK IT OVER

Read **Exodus 34:14**. As you read about God being jealous, what thoughts or feelings come up? How is His jealousy different than human jealousy?

Share about your early faith experiences. How did you prioritize God when you first started following Jesus, and how has that changed over time?

Is there an area of your life that's taking priority over God? How could you make God more of a priority, and how might your life look different as a result?