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Because God is loyal and faithful

Jer. 2:11-13 *“Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But My people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols. Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with great horror,” declares the Lord. “My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken Me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”*

One of my pastor friends preaches a stirring message on this passage. It is a call for us to wake up and take an account of how far off track we have strayed. Things that used to be convictions are now preferences. As the LORD was speaking to His people Israel through the prophet Jeremiah, He was reminding them of Whose they are. When we begin to build on something other than the solid ground of our LORD, we will begin to see that the shifting sand of this world will not suffice to hold us steady.

The LORD could easily be speaking to us today in the same manner. Things that we once held as convictions (the sanctity of life, the reality of male and female, prayer in Jesus Name, etc.) have now become distant preferences in our society. Those who once stood fearless for the call of Christ have somehow begun to shrink back into the background. The LORD proclaims that we have committed two sins. Both of these sins are the roots to all of our areas of down-fall. The first is forsaking the LORD. The Hebrew term is **azevu** which means *to abandon, ignore, leave or withdraw*. All of these actions are acts of the will. The second is digging broken cisterns that cannot hold water. It is faulty from the start. It is basing our living upon things that cannot possibly sustain us. What is the answer? We must repent and return to the foundation that will sustain us, bolster us, and guide us; the Bible, God’s Word. If things are seemingly falling apart in your life, return to the only One that can put it back together, the LORD God Almighty. He will surely receive you and restore you.

Dear LORD, forgive us as nation of people who have gone our own way. We have forsaken You as a whole. Instead of looking to You, we are looking to other things; things that could never satisfy. Help us to turn back to You. You are our Foundation and our Rock. In Jesus Name, Amen.