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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

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. (NIV)*

I want to pick up where I left off yesterday. The solution is found in this passage. The LORD speaks to His children through the prophet Jeremiah. In verses 1-3, he reminds them of their former faithfulness. They were once the bride, but they have become the harlot, chasing after their heart's desires. But God is always faithful; He does what He says He will do. He led them out of captivity. He parted the waters of the Red Sea, and they walked over on dry ground. He led them with a pillar of fire at night and a pillar of smoke during the day. In verses 5-12 He reminds them that when they entered the promised-land, they were to drive out all of the former inhabitants, but instead, they inter-married with them and took on their idols. In verse 5, the LORD asks them, when did an idol save you? The LORD brought them out of Egypt (slavery). Could idols do that? The LORD brings charges against His people and against their children and their children's children. *You have exchanged God's glory for worthless idols!* They have forsaken Me, the spring of living water, and dug their own cisterns that will not hold water because they are broken.

What is the answer? It is found in **2 Chron. 7:14** *If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (NIV)* What was true for them is also true for us today. God's word never changes!

Dear LORD, help us to turn away from the enticements of this world and come back to You. You are all that we need. Forgive us LORD for turning away from You. In Jesus Name, Amen