

BEAUTYFROMCHAOS



LOCUS: Malachi 2:10-16

SHARINGSTORIES

God clearly calls us to keep our commitments to one another. When we choose to break commitments, the consequences are serious, not just for ourselves, but others as well. God has woven us together into a tapestry that reveals His glory. His image is marred when we choose to isolate ourselves. Keeping our commitments is a non-negotiable in life. However, the key to keeping commitments is having an unrivaled commitment to Christ above all things. When we are committed to anything, including each other more than we are committed to Him, the results are always bad news.

*Share an experience when you broke a promise or had one broken. How did you feel? How did it affect your relationship with the person(s) breaking the promise?
How do we go about restoring trust after a promise has been broken?*

DIGGINGIN

*What is God's primary complaint in this passage?
How does the way we interact with one another affect our relationship with God?
How are you most tempted to deceive yourself? How will you guard against this?
In what ways do you need to recommit yourself to the Father?*

GOINGDEEPER

Verses 13 and 14 talk about the people flooding God's altar with tears because He was not answering their prayers. They did not see the connection between their behavior and their relationship with God. They sincerely believed they were worshiping God.

*How do we do the same thing in our relationship with the Father?
How does one area of sin affect the entirety of our spiritual life?
How are we supposed to deal with sin and maintain relationship with God?*

PRAYER

Spend this time discerning how best pray for one another. Praise God for one specific item and petition Him for one request on their behalf.

Thanksgiving is a difficult time of the year for many people. While you are spending time with family and friends, remember those in need of love. Ask God to comfort them.

REFLECTION

What one idea has the Spirit impressed on your mind and heart from this passage?

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