

## ***Message***

**Title:** Why God Refuses To Be Second

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*“God refuses to be second—He wants your whole heart, not half your devotion.”*

## ***Introduction***

Take an intentional step this week to consciously put God first in every area of your life.

**What or who is really at the top of your priorities right now—and is it God?**

We all know the 'textbook answer'—God comes first. But if we're honest, real life often pushes Him down our list of priorities. In this message, Pastor Dom O'Connell explores why God refuses to be second and calls us to more than just 'Christian-ish' living. Drawing from the Ten Commandments and the New Testament, we dig into why putting anything before God is idolatry—whether that's work, family, or even good things.

Discover how God's righteous jealousy is rooted not in insecurity, but in a fierce, protective love for us. You'll be challenged to examine what really sits at the top of your values and to choose a God-first life, not just in words, but in everyday decisions. Make God your defining influence and experience the consistency, freedom, and purpose He longs to give you.

## ***Scripture***

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



Exodus 34:14 — for you shall worship no other god: for Yahweh, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

Deuteronomy 4:24 — For Yahweh your God is a devouring fire, a jealous God.

1 John 5:21 — Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

2 Corinthians 11:2 — For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy. For I married you to one husband, that I might present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

## ***Don't Miss This***

- **Idolatry Isn't Old-Fashioned:** It's not just about statues—anything we put before God in our hearts becomes an idol.
- **God's Jealousy is Love in Action:** His primary concern is to protect you and lead you toward what is truly good.
- **Ordering Your Life Around God Brings Freedom:** When God is at the top, He brings purpose and consistency to every other part of life.

## ***Let's Chat***

1. What are some things that easily slip into first place in your life before God?
2. How does understanding God's 'jealousy' as loving protection change your perspective?
3. What does 'ordering your life around God' look like in the day-to-day?
4. In what practical ways can we spot and remove idols from our lives?
5. Why do you think consistency in putting God first is so challenging for us?

