

Are you a Fealous person?

Are you a loving person?

Jealousy is the protective torm of eving zeal



The God that is zealous for us is jealous for us.

(If he is to be truly loving)

1. God displays his ferocious love in his jealousy.

God is ferociously loving

Hebrews 12:28-29

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."

[The LORD] passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness..."

Exodus 34:6

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17-19

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

How does God display his ferocious love?

Covenints

Healousy

Exodus 20:5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God,

What is Healousy?

Jealousy is the protective response to a breach in right honor and loyalty.

3 (simplified) components of right honor and loyalty

- 1. Attribution
- 2. Appreciation
- 3. Fealty (being loyal)

Jealous for what? Just me?

- 1. His Deity—vs. Idolatry
- 2. His Sovreignty—vs. Sin
- 3. His Glory—vs. Pride
- 4. His Inheritance—vs. Destruction

"God is the only being in the universe for whom jealous passion for his own glory is the supreme act of love."

Dr. John Piper



2. God's jealousy displays the condition of our love.

Jealousy Contradiction

H. Mature

We feel jealousy we know is right, esp. when not called jealousy

("it matters!!!!!!!")

H. Condition

We experience jealousy as ugly weakness or reckless power

(suckers and rage monsters)

God Agrees

Numbers 5:12-31

(Romans 12:19, Matthew 26:52)





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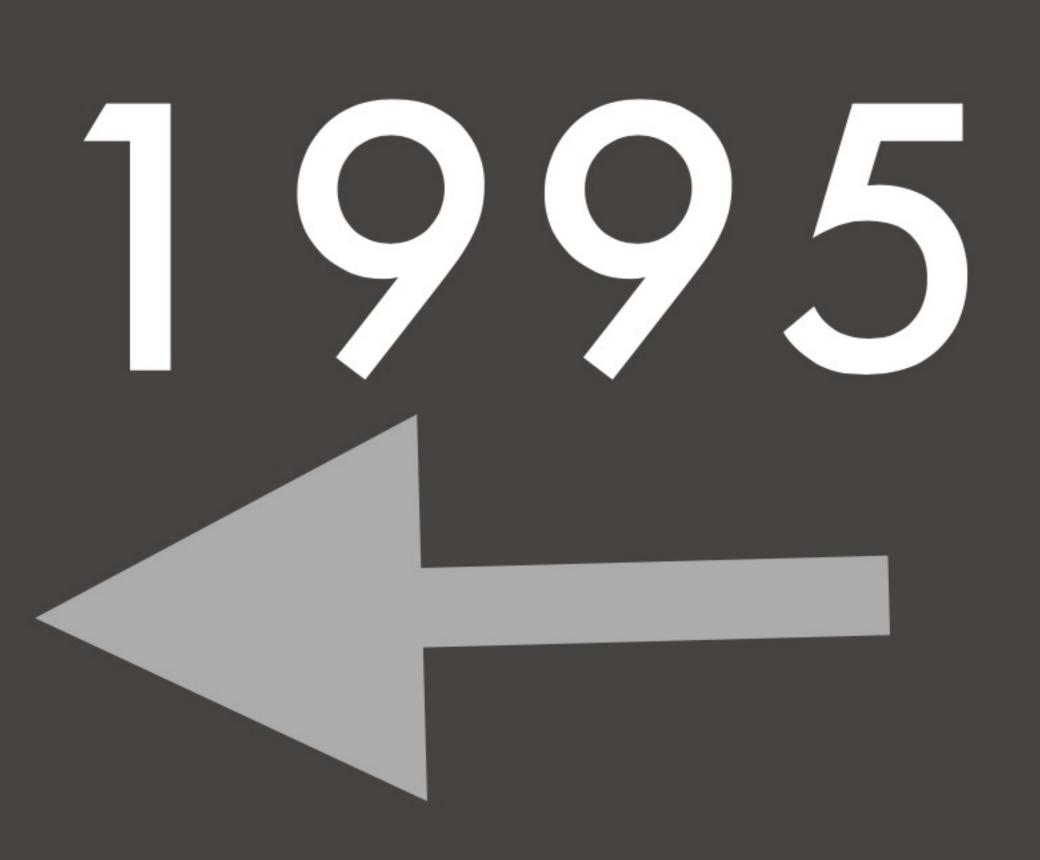
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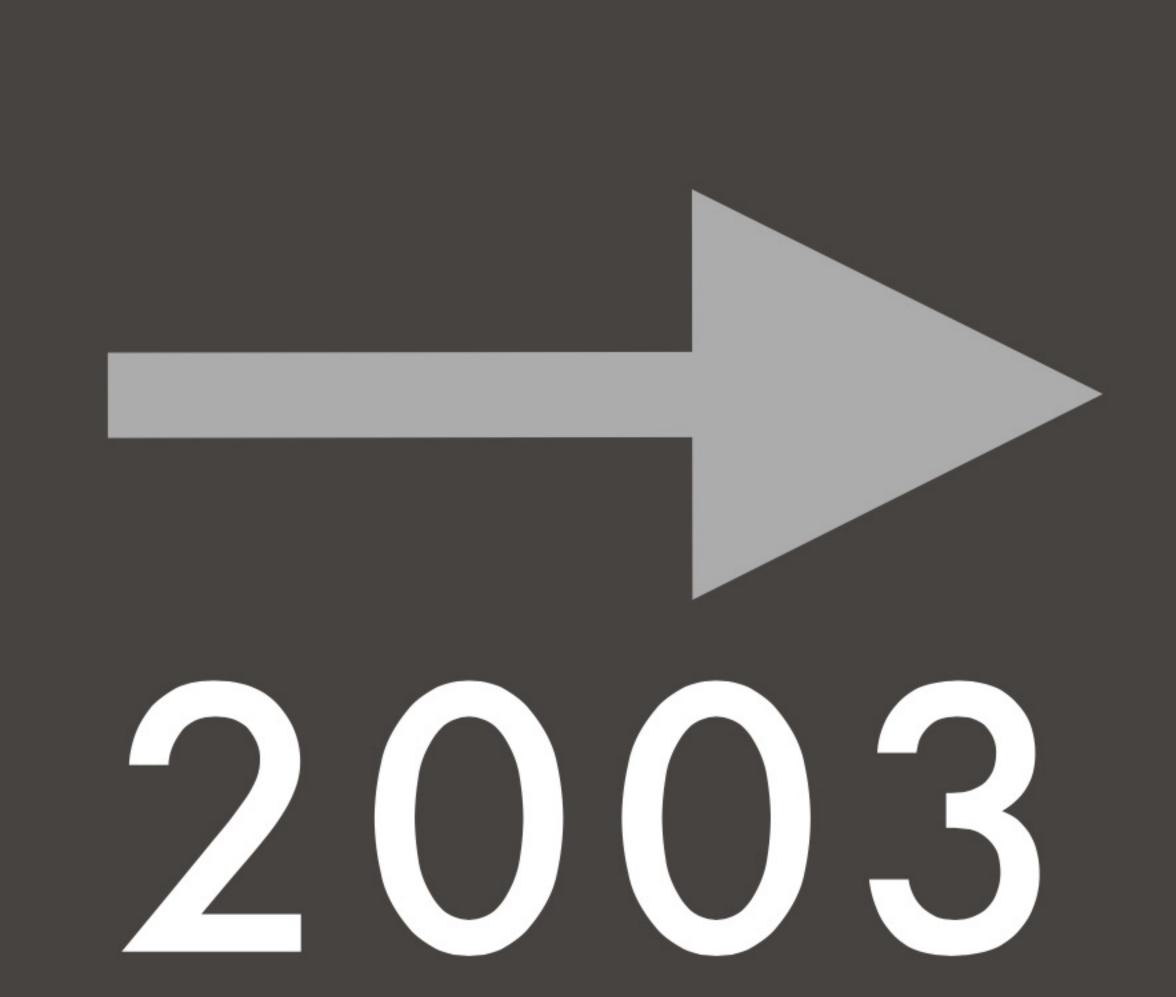
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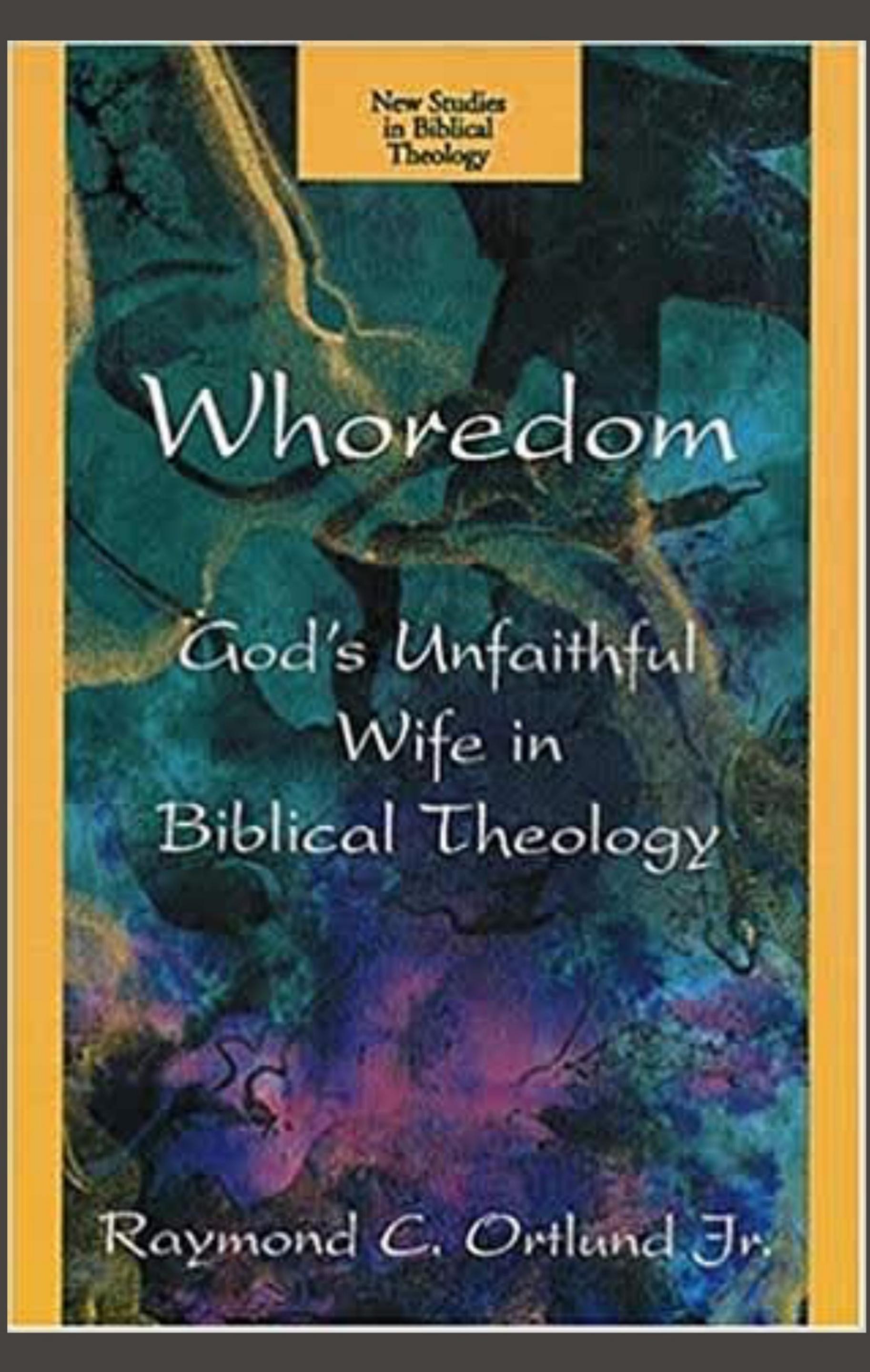


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Spiritual Whoredom, Prostitution, Adultery

- 1. Misattribution
- 2. Accusation
- 3. Disloyalty

Ezekiel 16, 23 Hosea



3. God's jealousy either redeems or destroys us and our loves.

Why must we see this?

1. So we do not disqualify God's good jealousy because of our twisted jealousy.

2. So we see how much we need God's jealousy.

The redemption of whoredom requires jealousy, not passivity or indifference.

The Drama:

You: Wayward heart or not?

Reality: Is unattachedness independence or promiscuity? Does it destroy or liberate?

God: If "yes" and "destroy"—then a jealous God is your only hope.

Jealousy is a hard healer, because it is emergency medicine.

Hosea 2:5-7
She said,
'I will go after my
lovers, who give
me my food and
my water, my wool



and my linen, my oil and my drink.' Therefore I will block her path with thornbushes; I will wall her in so that she cannot find her way. She will chase after her lovers but not catch them; she will look for them but not find them. Then she will say, 'I will go back to my husband as at first, for then I was better off than now.'

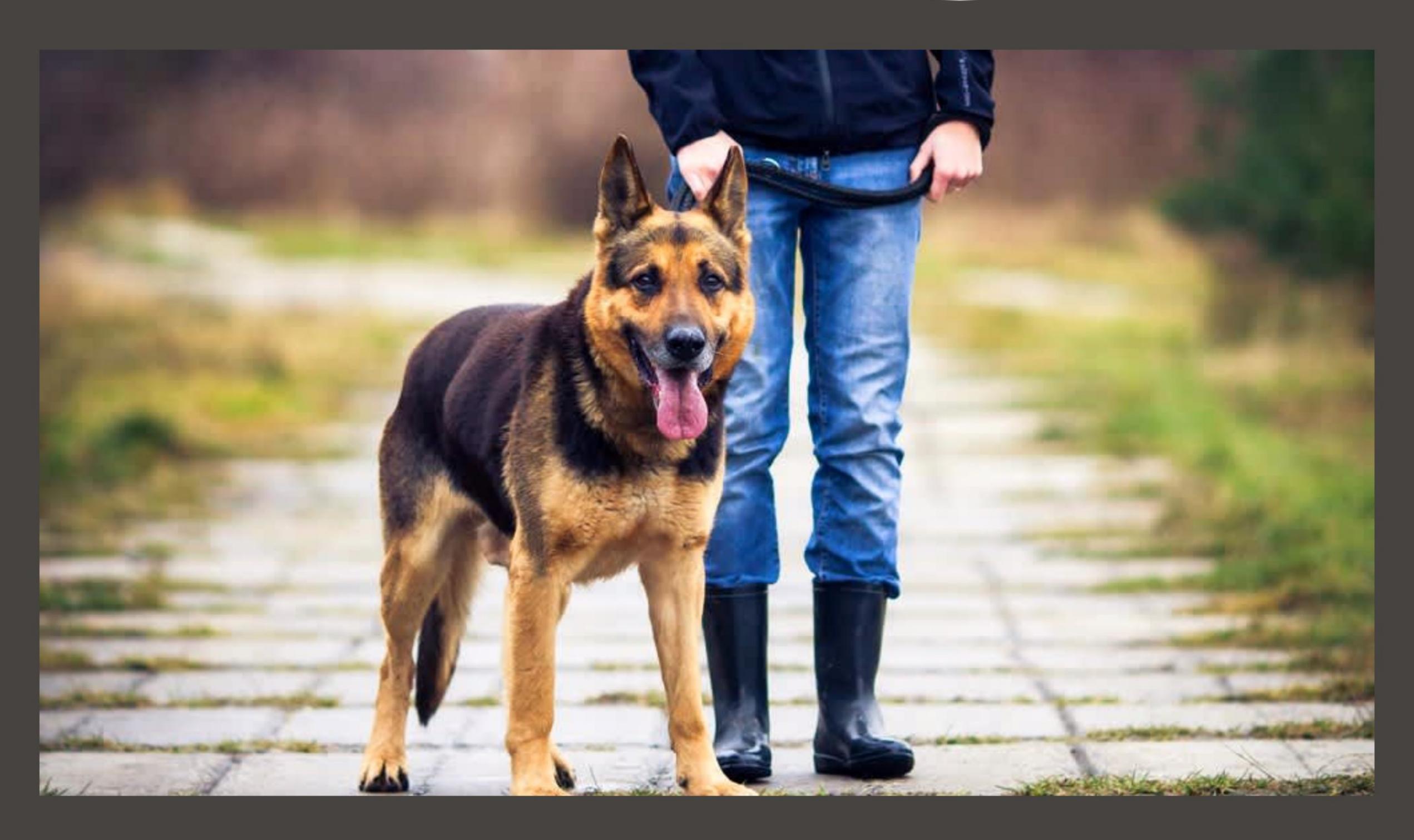








Is a watchdog loving?



Jealousy is the protective form of zeal.