

I AM ADDICTED / GOD IS THE CONQUEROR

Awe for something less

Has a nation ever exchanged its gods? (But they were not gods!) Yet my people have exchanged their Glory for useless idols. Be appalled at this, heavens; be shocked and utterly desolated! This is the LORD's declaration. For my people have committed a double evil: They have abandoned me, the fountain of living water, and dug cisterns for themselves—cracked cisterns that cannot hold water. (Jeremiah 2:11-13)

Addicted to something else

You insisted, "I will not serve!" On every high hill and under every green tree you lay down like a prostitute. (Jeremiah 2:20)

Abandoned in the end

... say to a tree, "You are my father," and to a stone, "You gave birth to me." For they have turned their back to me and not their face, yet in their time of disaster they beg, "Rise up and save us!" (Jeremiah 2:27)

Jesus is the Way.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens—Jesus the Son of God—let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Jesus is the Way and He promises a way out.

So, whoever thinks he stands must be careful not to fall. No temptation has come upon you except what is common to humanity. But God is faithful; he will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation he will also provide a way out so that you may be able to bear it. So then, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. (1 Corinthians 10:12-14)

Reflection Question:

Where in your life do you need God's promise of a way out?

Scripture from the CSB unless noted.