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Avoiding “However”

Ex.20:14: “You shall not commit adultery.”

“Keep Sex Sacred”

1 Kings 11:1-2 NLT— “Now King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women. Besides Pharaoh’s daughter, he married women from Moab, Ammon, Edom, Sidon, and from among the Hittites. The Lord had clearly instructed the people of Israel, “You must not marry them, because they will turn your hearts to their gods.” Yet Solomon insisted on loving them anyway.”

1 Kings 11:3-4 NIV— “He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been.”

1 Kings 11:7-8 NIV — “On a hill east of Jerusalem, Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable god of Moab, and for Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. He did the same for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and offered sacrifices to their gods.”

1 Kings 11:9 NIV— “The Lord became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice.”

Proverbs 4:23 NIV— “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”

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- **Letting spiritual habits drift**

- **John 15:5-6 NIV**— ““I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.”

Letting affections wonder

- **1 Kings 3:3a**- Solomon loved the Lord...
- **1 Kings 11:1a**- Solomon, however, loved foreign women.
- **1 John 2:15-16 NLT**- “Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.”

- **Letting your pain deconstruct your faith**

- **Ecclesiastes 2:17 NIV**— “So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.”
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- **Psalms 73:21-22 NLT**— “Then I realized that my heart was bitter, and I was all torn up inside. I was so foolish and ignorant— I must have seemed like a senseless animal to you.”