The Great Pursuit

Foundational Principle #1: God is jealous for what rightfully _________ to Him...
Isaiah 43:1... “But now, this is what the Lord says—He who created you, He who formed you: ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.’”
1 Peter 2:9... “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people ________________ to God.”

Foundational Principle #2: We are called to ________ the Lord with a zealous ________...
Deuteronomy 6:4-5... “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with ______ your heart and with ______ your soul and with ______ your strength.”

God’s relentless pursuit of King Ahab and the nation of Israel...
1 Kings 16:30, 33... “Ahab did more ________ in the eyes of the Lord than any of those before him...Ahab did more to provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to __________ than did all the kings of Israel before him.”

On the one hand, God’s jealous love provokes Him to _________ when His people turn away from Him to worship and serve another...
But on the other hand, God’s jealous love causes Him to relentlessly ____________ His people, doing whatever it takes to bring them back into a ______________________ with Him...
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So the Lord pursued King Ahab in the ____________...
1 Kings 17:1... “As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor ________ in the next few years except at my word.”

And the Lord pursued King Ahab in the ________...
1 Kings 18:37-38... “’Answer me, O Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you are ______________ their hearts ________ again.’ Then the fire of the Lord fell.”

The Lord pursued King Ahab in the ________...
1 Kings 18:45... “Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy ________ came on and Ahab rode off to Jezreel.”

The Lord pursued King Ahab in Elijah’s great __________
1 Kings 18:46... “The __________ of the Lord came upon Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he _____ ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.”

Do you see how the Lord was relentlessly pursuing King Ahab with His jealous love, doing whatever it would take to bring him back into a relationship with Him?

The Lord is doing the same thing for us...He is relentlessly ______________ us with His jealous love, doing whatever it takes to bring us back into, and keep us in, a _______________ with Him.