JEALOUS LOVE

“The Great Rejection”
God is relentlessly pursuing us with His love, doing whatever it takes to bring us back into, and keep us in, a relationship with Him...
Despite the Lord pursuing him in the famine, fire, rain and Elijah’s great strength, King Ahab still had not repented of his sins and turned to the Lord...

Yet the Lord continued to pursue King Ahab with His jealous love...
The Lord pursued King Ahab a fifth time through giving him an unexpected victory over his powerful enemy...

1 Kings 20:13... “Do you see this vast army? I will give it into your hand today, and then you will know that I am the Lord.”
The Lord pursued King Ahab a sixth time through giving him a second victory over his powerful enemy...

1 Kings 20:28... “I will deliver this vast army into your hands, and you will know that I am the Lord.”
The Lord pursued King Ahab a seventh and eighth time, warning him about the consequences of his sin...

1 Kings 21:20-21... “Because you have sold yourself to do evil in the eyes of the Lord, I am going to bring disaster on you.”
The Lord pursued King Ahab a ninth time by warning him not to go into battle so he would not die...

1 Kings 22:23... “So now the Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouths of all these prophets of yours. The Lord has decreed disaster for you.”
Ezekiel 18:23, 30-32... “’Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked?’ declares the Sovereign Lord. ‘Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live?’........ ‘Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone,’ declares the Sovereign Lord. ‘Repent and live!’”
Ezekiel 33:11... “’As surely as I live,’ declares the Sovereign Lord, ‘I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?’”
Nine times the Lord pursued King Ahab with His jealous love so that King Ahab would repent of his sin and come into a relationship with Him...

But nine times King Ahab rejected the Lord until finally, by his own choosing, he suffered the fatal consequences of his sin...
1 Kings 18:21... “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him.”
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