

THINGS IN *ITALICS* ARE LIFTED FROM THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGE IN JER. 2

God said,

I remember...

- *the loyalty of your youth*
- *your love as a bride--how you followed Me in the wilderness, in a land not sown.*

When you recollect a favorable experience from your past with the one with whom you had that experience...when you wax nostalgic concerning a condition in a relationship which "used to be" with them...

- What are you feeling?
- What are you desiring?
- Why are you giving it words?

What does it say to you, that God starts His statement with us, by the words "I remember"?

Israel was holy to the LORD, the firstfruits of His harvest. All who ate of it found themselves guilty; disaster came on them." This is the LORD's declaration.

Read it the way they would have heard it...

"Israel, you used to be dedicated and completely devoted to Me, you were the first of all those who will be My beloved from all the earth. All who attempted to steal you from Me or mistreat you, suffered the consequences." ~ Jer 2:2,3

Wow, what verbal imagery – what is He saying by this?

What are the members of the Trinity feeling here?

Use your God given imagination to “get in the head” of a man newly married to a woman he dearly loves and cherishes. Discuss the protective and cherished nature a husband has over his new bride.

NOTE: I know that not all of you have experienced this, (as the recipient if you are a woman, nor as the one feeling that way if you are a man) but don't get bogged down in what you have and have not experienced, allow your minds to contemplate what it would be like so that the context of this passage is not lost on you.
