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**2 Corinthians 11:1-15**

1. Reflect on this quote from Mark. *“When we say we should try really hard to be a good person like Jesus because good people go to heaven when they die, we’re actually denying what we call the Gospel. The Gospel is not about good deeds, it’s about good news. The gospel tells us that we do NOTHING to earn our way to heaven.”*

What “different gospel” has at one point or another caught your attention? How did it pull you away from Jesus? How did you become aware of its deceitfulness?

2. Read 2 Corinthians 11:1-15. What is happening in Corinth that is upsetting Paul?

3. What is the difference between being jealous for self and being jealous for Christ? (vv. 2-4) How does the jealousy of a father who's betrothed his daughter to a bridegroom help us understand Paul's jealousy? What is stirring to you about the image that we are Jesus' bride to be?
4. How can the Christian life become too complex? How can we be intentional to go deep in our faith while still maintaining the simplicity of our faith?
5. What do we learn about following Paul's leadership that helps us understand simple and sincere devotion to Christ? (vv. 5-12)
6. What picture springs to your mind when you hear the phrase "Satanic Deception." (vv. 13-15)

7. Mark concludes with three protective measures to keep our devotion simple and sincere.

- A. Dive deeper in your understanding of Jesus and the Gospel
- B. Stay centered on Jesus and the Gospel
- C. Insist on Gospel-centered leadership

Which of these three apply the most to you personally right now? What is the next step to apply any of these protective measures?