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a command. I do not believe that this woman ~~is~~-a wicked ~~n~~ woman when Hosea married her, but I believe that her~~n~~ family connections and her ~~backgr~~ background was such that there was every ~~read-~~ reason to fear that she would fall into that which was evil, and Hosea was making a great mistake in aligning himself with her~~n~~ . But I think that Hosea , like so many young men, in love, refused to face the facts . He was infatuated with this woman, and yet he was one who was a true prophet of the Lord, one who ~~lofe~~ loved the Lord and one who was determined to serve the Lord, but he was infatuated with this woman. He was like Balaam back in the book of Numbers where we read that God said , & Don't go to these men, and Balaam came to the men and ~~n~~ said, I can't go with you , God doesn't permit me to and these men went back to Balaam and Balaam gave them gifts , twice as great as they had before ~~kn~~ and they made the long trip back to Balaam and they said ~~n~~, Come , curse ~~Israea--Isreal~~ Israel, Look at all these gifts that _____ will give you. And Balaam should have told them, God has told me , I am not to go with you , I am not to align myself with you but when Balaam say the ~~gfi- fig-~~ gifts, he said, Oh, stay with me and let me find out what the Lord's will is. Many a man, when he sees the gifts, he has to reconsider what the will of the Lord is, when we know the Lord's will is that we are to follow the Lord's will. Balaam ~~ww~~ went back and asked the Lord's-will again and God said Go with the ~~peep1e-~~ people. God didn't change his mind. He said Go with them. Go with them, but say what I tell you to say, and then God put the angel of the Lord in the way to rebuke Balaam for going. God ~~permist-~~ permits us to ~~da~~ do that which is not in line with his best will for us. And that happens over and over again in our lives. When we know what the Lord's will is , follow it. Don't back and keep asking what is the Lord's will. I've heard people say, ~~Youly~~ You've come out of an apostate denomination. You've trying to establish~~n~~ a witness that is free from apostasy, ~~g~~ that is wonderful , God has led you that way , but God hasn't led me to do that. I stay in the apostate denomination because ~~I-~~ God hasn't led me to come out. God leads us to follow ~~n~~ His word and do that