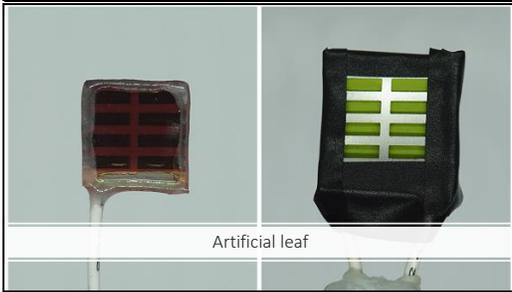




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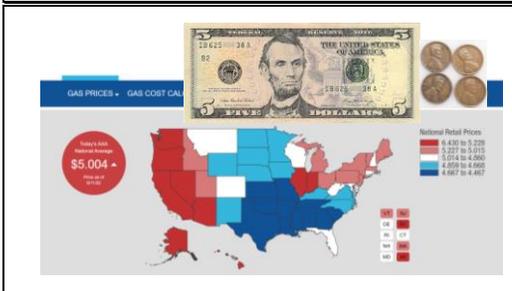
Produces hydrogen - Dr Virgil Andrei, a Research Fellow at St John's College, University of Cambridge, with academics at Imperial College London,

### Consumer Price Index (CPI)

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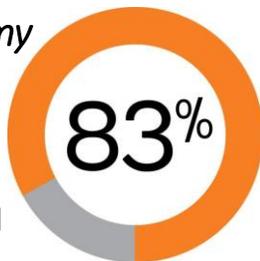


CPI: food 30%, housing 21%, 200% oil, 5% income



Gas is now officially over \$5 - \$5.04

### US Economy



- Poor
- Not so good

Respondents in a new Wall Street Journal-NORC Poll who said the U.S. economy is poor or not so good.



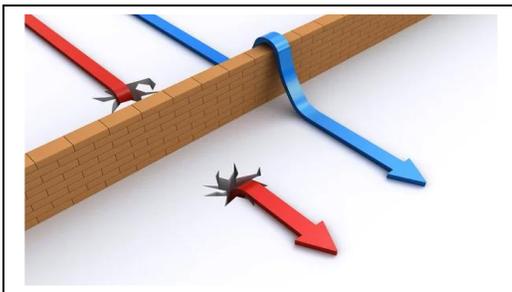
There is a way to live that reflects who God is, unlike this scene from The Odd Couple



distracted driving led to 3,142 fatalities, an estimated 424,000 injuries, and 15% of all police-reported vehicle traffic crashes on US roads. One in four drivers used a cell phone right before they were involved in a crash. Dialing a phone is one of the most dangerous distractions, increasing a driver's chance of crashing by 12 times. Child passengers can be 12 times more distracting to a driver than talking on a cell phone. One study found that the average parent driver took his or her eyes off the road for three minutes and 22 seconds during a 16-minute trip.

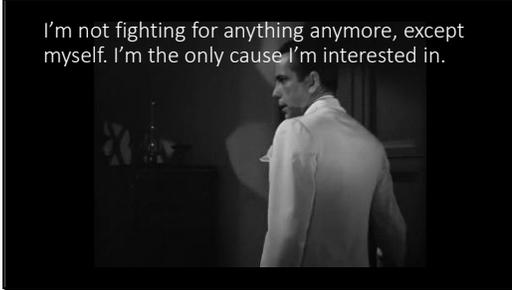


On average, three in five people will be involved in a crash due to impaired driving in their lifetime. No distraction rivaled the risk involved with driving while impaired by drugs or alcohol, which multiplied crash rates by 36 times. It is estimated that in 2017, 91,000 police-reported crashes involved drowsy drivers. These crashes led to an estimated 50,000 people injured and nearly 800 deaths. Sidestep, to step on one side, to go around But we don't always see it...



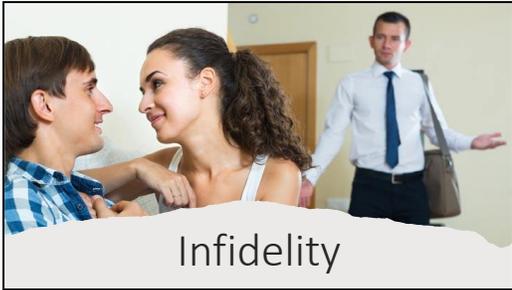


Sometimes we think we're just protecting ourselves.



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Infidelity

According to the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, national surveys indicate that 15 percent of married women and 25 percent of married men have had extramarital affairs. APA (American Psychological Association) study found that rejection caused by infidelity can cause several changes in the brain pathways similar to withdrawal in substance use disorder. Rejection can cause short- and long-term consequences to your brain chemistry. When a child finds out you cheated, it can cause many ripple effects: feelings of confusion, anxiety, abandonment, and isolation not unlike the partner who was cheated on. They may have trust issues with future romantic partners. Infidelity can cause symptoms similar to post-traumatic stress from the relationship breach that were not previously present before an affair. Some common symptoms may include flashbacks, nightmares, and obsessions about the event.

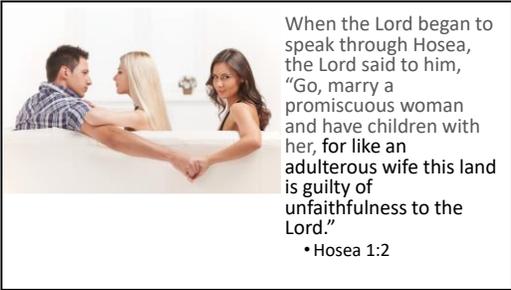


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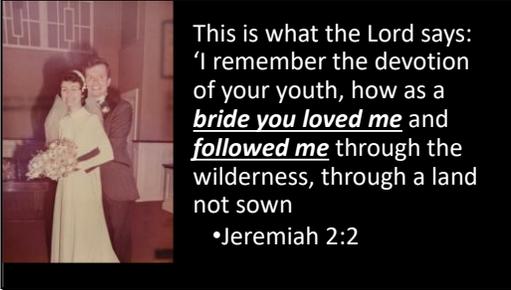
**WHY?**

• Hosea 1:2

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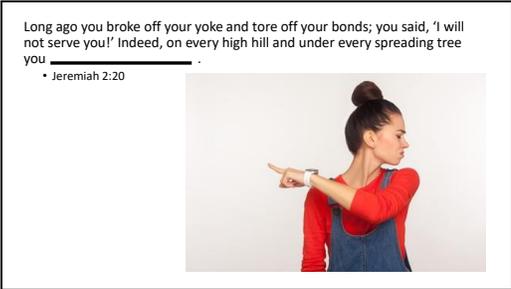
for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord. God is not ashamed to use sexual imagery in comparison to our devotion to him, or our unfaithfulness to him.



This is what the Lord says: 'I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a **bride you loved me** and **followed me** through the wilderness, through a land not sown  
**bride you loved me** – a first love, a pure love, a passionate love  
**followed me** – listened to God, went where he went



What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they **strayed so far** from me? They **followed worthless idols** and **became worthless themselves**.  
**strayed so far** – not just a step, not just off by a little bit, but way off  
**followed worthless idols** – went after, followed and kept following  
**became worthless themselves**.



Long ago you broke off your yoke and tore off your bonds; you said, 'I will not serve you!' Indeed, on every high hill and under every spreading tree you



**lay down as a prostitute** – how does a prostitute position herself? Lays down, becomes vulnerable, doesn't fight it, opens herself up.  
How do we look at our unfaithfulness to God?



It's not so bad.

Some one you know, or perhaps you yourself have felt the awful sting of infidelity. In a sense, you know better than most how God feels about our infidelity when it comes to him

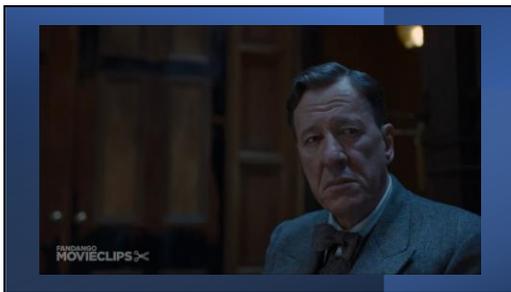


missing the divinely appointed goal, a deviation from what is pleasing to God, doing what is opposed to God's will, perversion of what is upright, a misdeed., a missing of the goal conformable to and fixed by God.

But God is a God of grace, using what's been so horrendous for us, for his glory and the good of many.

In The King's Speech, King George VI, Queen Elizabeth's father has a scene with Lionel Logue As awful as that was, and even with the lifelong problems it caused, God used it to shape a man that would lead England through WW2.

This week was the 50 year anniversary of Phan Thị Kim Phúc memorable picture

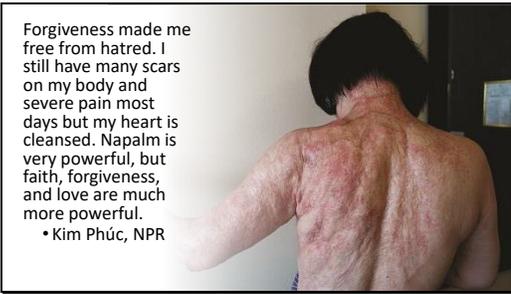


Phan Thị Kim Phúc, referred to informally as the Napalm girl



Kim Phúc wrote that the trauma she suffered in the napalm strike still requires treatment, but that the psychological trauma was greater:

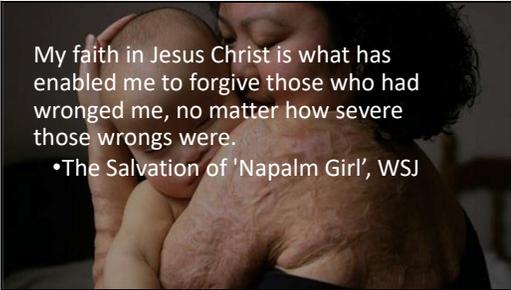
"But even worse than the physical pain was the emotional and spiritual pain." This led directly to her conversion to Christi which she credits with healing the psychological trauma of living over forty years being known to the world as "Napalm Girl".



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- Kim Phúc, NPR

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- The Salvation of 'Napalm Girl', WSJ

My faith in Jesus Christ is what has enabled me to forgive those who had wronged me, no matter how severe those wrongs were. Yes, God can use the sin of people to transform us, to be a messenger of who he is. But it's not just for the poor alone.

