



BREAKING THE RULES

Part 4 – Breaking the Spirit of Asherah
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1. _____

(2 Corinthians 6:17-18) Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you will be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.

2. _____ forgiveness.

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3. _____ your life.

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Giving up something now for something better

later isn't a _____.

It's an _____.

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