

ELDER WISDOM CIRCLE

Girlfriend jealous of boyfriend's past

Q. I am 24 and had decided not to be sexually active until marriage. While I had many opportunities to have sex, I resisted until I met my current boyfriend. I'm OK with my choice, but I am now

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dealing with jealousy. He had been with several partners and I picture him with those women and it kills me. I think it would be easier to break up with him than to continue feeling like this. I do love him and I know he loves me but I can't go on like this. Thank you for your time. Any insight is much appreciated.

A. I don't know if there is such a thing as Jealous Partners Anonymous with a 12-step program, but I doubt it. There are such things as counselors and therapists who you might talk to. I think jealousy is just something that a lot of people, especially young people in love, have to learn to deal with. Talking to someone could help you. Realize that he did *not* want to stay with those girls but has chosen you, and you are what he wants. This is a compliment! Just enjoy the present and your future together. Forget everything that happened before.

Best Regards, Marnie