

“Remember Your 1st Love”

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Hosea 9:10 – 10:15

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Hosea 4-10 contains a collection of Hosea’s prophetic poetry, detailing the causes and effects of Israel’s unfaithfulness as a covenant partner. Hosea’s poetry also reveals deep, timeless truths about God’s character and human nature. What does it look like to reject your 1st love? What will it take to remember your 1st love?

Overview of Hosea:

- Hosea was a prophet in Northern Israel, 200 years after Solomon and 750 years before Jesus.
- Hosea lived in a time where the nation of Israel experienced disobedient kings, widespread idolatry, and significant wealth.
- As a portrait of his unending love and faithfulness to Israel, God instructed Hosea to marry Gomer, a prostitute, and remain faithful to her despite her unfaithfulness.
- For 25 years Hosea preached and wrote about two themes:
 - God will bring judgment because of Israel’s rebellion.
 - God’s love & mercy are more powerful than Israel’s rebellion.

God’s accusations against Israel’s unfaithfulness:

1. Absence of relationship – “You don’t know me” (19 times in Hosea)

- Knowledge (*yada* Heb.) = to know through experience
- *Yada* is more than accumulating intellectual facts (knowing *about* someone), but developing relationship (knowing someone)
- God wants his people to know Him.

2. Hypocrisy in worship - “You pretend to connect with me” (9:10-10:2, 10:5-8)

- Syncretism = mixing religion with cultural practices and rituals
- Going through the motions of religious obedience creates the false illusion that everything is fine.
- God wants his people to be real with Him.

3. Reliance on foreign nations – “You pursue someone other than me” (10:3-4, 10:9-15)

- Political alliances with Assyria (north) and Egypt (south)
- The nations providing military protection and affluence will be the same ones that bring destruction and exile.
- God wants his people to trust him.

Remember...

God’s love for his people involves taking drastic measures to convince them to come back to their 1st love.

God’s compassion for his people reveals the depth of hurt he feels when his people are unfaithful to him.

God’s desire from his people- relationship, authenticity, and confidence.

Growing Notes

As you reflect on our Hosea study, what concept or theme has impacted you the most?

What challenges or obstacles exist in our lives that can impede our ability to truly know and experience God? How have you successfully drawn closer to God in your life?

It’s common to struggle with comprehending and accepting God’s unconditional love for us. How do the following passages help us gain a greater understanding of what God’s unconditional love involves? (Romans 8:35-39; 1 John 4:9-11)

Of the three areas from this passage that God desires from his people- relationship, authenticity, and confidence - which one is the most challenging in your life? How can this group encourage and walk with one another through these challenges?

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- > Elders/Pastors available after every service to pray with you.
- > Call the church office to be added to the prayer chain.
- > Sunday night prayer meeting 6pm, in the lobby
- > Elders meeting 3rd Wed. monthly, Elders available for prayer and anointing.

James 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

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