



Background Facts Of Hosea

- Time of economic prosperity and spiritual poverty
- Called “The Prophet of the Broken Heart”
- Hosea’s marriage relationship (Ch 1-3) illustrates the Nations relationship with God (Ch 4-14)
- Names Hosea, Joshua and Jesus all mean salvation
- God’s continual call to repentance is spurned
- Hosea’s personal tragedy illustrates the nation of Israel spiritual tragedy.

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Background Facts Of Joel

- **Trial:** 1:5-12 Plague of Locusts
- **Surface Spirituality** 2:12-13 Hearts not Clothes!
- **Judgment** Locust are God's judgment
- **Key** The Day of The Lord
- **Quoted in NT** Acts and Romans most famous

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Two-Fold Message of Hosea

God's Faithful, Relentless Pursuit Of An Unfaithful People That Continually Spurn His Love

Personal: Hosea

Married to an unfaithful wife 1:2-3
Hosea's pursuit and forgiveness 3:1-2

National: Israel

An unfaithful people 4:1-3
God's pursuit and forgiveness 11:8-9
14:4-7

Lesson #1 From Hosea For Today

You Haven't Failed If You Have Been Faithful To Follow God's Direction

- Hosea's Marriage:
- Hosea's Ministry

“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must be found faithful.”

1 Cor 4:2

Am I pursuing faithfulness...or Success?

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Lesson #2 From Hosea For Today

Sometimes God Uses Your Struggle As A Spiritual Testimony To others

God That Isn't Fair!

- 1 Cor 6:19-20 You are not your own, bought with a price!
- Rom 9:20-21 He is the potter...we are the clay!

What am I teaching those closest to me?

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Lesson #3 From Hosea For Today

Though God Is Always Faithful To Forgive,
Sometimes There Is a Cost To Our Unfaithfulness

- 9:7-9 God will remember...
- 8:7 They sow the wind and reap the whirlwind
- Price to Pay: 9:1-4 Not stay in land
- Promise of God: Joel 2:25 I will repay the locusts

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Lesson #4 From Hosea For Today

God Is Relentlessly Pursuing People To Return To Himself

- Hosea: 3:1 God show your love to your wife; I bought her
- God Rom 6:16 You are not your own...bought with a price!

Luke 15

- Lost Sheep
- Lost Coin
- Lost Son

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Today's Challenge

- **Are you being faithful? Redefine Success**
 - **Who is God teaching through YOU?**
 - **If there is a cost for unfaithfulness, pay it and move on**
 - **If you are far from God...Come Home! He is waiting to welcome you.**
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