

10.31.21 – The Book of Hosea

Sermon Description: As we close out this series on the book of Hosea, we see a promise of salvation. But a glaring question remains, “How will this happen?” The Lord chose Israel as his son for his glory. Yet, in our study of Hosea, we’ve seen So. Many. Failures. of Israel. So, it’s asked again, how will this happen? Thankfully, there is the promise of another son, the one who will succeed where Israel so often failed. He will be revealed as True Israel and God’s one and only beloved son.

Main Passage: Hosea 11:1-5

Title: Hosea means salvation

Topics: Theology/Doctrine>Bible>Biblical Theology

Tags: son, salvation, child, typology

Gospel Application/Question:

- Coming to the end of this series on Hosea, what’s one message God has given you that you’ll long remember?
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Important notes

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- NEXT WEEK: Entrusted

Introduction – Where we've been

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- Imagery to describe Israel in chapter 11-14
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- **How can this Good News come? There's no more to the book of Hosea!?!**

Today's text: Hosea 11:1-7

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Application: So what now?

Small Group Leader Sticky Note Mapping Exercise

Laments & Needs as shared by leaders

- Fatigue
- Sadness
- Loneliness & isolation
- The new normal
- Miscarriage
- My brother’s struggle with addiction
- Death of my grandma
- Sickness
- Missing son’s graduation
- Relationship with parents
- Cancelled by some
- Not being able to speak as freely w/o threat of loss
- Loneliness with God and people
- 2 people in our SG left Hope
- Best friend moving away
- Lack of travel
- Missed experiences, graduation, celebrations
- Frustrations with job
- Unit closed at work
- Loss of meaningful routine
- Tired from anxiety
- Feelings/actions of exclusion & discrimination for being Asian
- Further polarization in culture
- Negative voices flooding society
- Increase of collective sense of fear

Take in these words:

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But Jesus, your face was set*

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Jesus saves. Jesus brings us back to God. The book of Hosea doesn’t just show one spouse’s love for toward faithless wife; it shows there is a greater love displayed in a faithful God toward an unfaithful people. The gospel is the pinnacle of this love. Where Israel time and again was a faithless son, Jesus is shown to be the perfect Son. His love and righteousness make a way where there seemed to be no way. He helps us in our sorrows and pain. He comforts us in our losses. He lifts us when we have fallen. He has been faithful where we are so often faithless. His grace alone saves!

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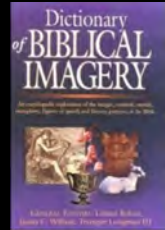
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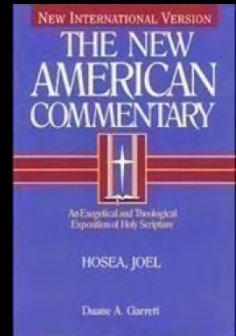
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