

BECAUSE OF HIS LOVE

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The Minor Prophets: Teach us how to walk in the way and wisdom of God assured by His love and compassion towards us.

Hosea: The Setting and Situation

2 Key Problems Involving Misplaced Trust:

- Trust in foreign MILITARY powers to bring SAFETY and security.
- Worship and trust in BAAL(false god) for ECONOMIC STABILITY.

Spiritual State of the People of Israel: Hosea 4:1-14

- They have been UNFAITHFUL and they do not ACKNOWLEDGE God.

Core Problem: The people have broken their covenant RELATIONSHIP with God.

Hosea 4:6

Hosea and Gomer: The Story of God's Faithfulness Hosea 1:1-3:5

- Israel's unfaithfulness to God was like ADULTRY.
- Sin is not just a moral transgression, its a broken RELATIONSHIP.

Challenge: How do the people find their way back to God from a place of HOPELESSNESS?

Truth: God FINDS them. God PURSUES us even though we have turned away from him.

God Has a Plan: Hosea 2

- Block the PATH - see the fruitlessness of the things they are searching for apart from God.
- Lead them through BROKENNESS.
- PURSUE them every step of their journey.

Sometimes we have to be led through BROKENNESS before we can develop an OPENNESS to God's way, wisdom, and direction.

How Do We Respond?: Hosea 14

- REPENT
- CONFESS
- RECIEVE
- CONSIDER

As we walk with God and our lives FLOURISH we become a source of God's hope for others. Hosea 14:7

THE BIG 3

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, December 31 - Friday, January 11
Brookings Activity Center

We are scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels December 31 through January 11. We need drivers & helpers to pick up meals at the Brookings Activity Center by 11 a.m. Monday-Friday & deliver to area shut-ins. There are 5 spots left to fill (Route 1 - Thursday & Friday; Route 2 - Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday). Please sign-up at the Info Center or contact Amber Hobbie (info@gracepointwesleyan.org) if you can help. Thank you!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our regular mid-week KidsPoint, GracePoint Student Ministry & Adult Growth Group activities will resume this Wednesday, January 9.

GROWTH GROUPS

Sunday morning Growth Groups will begin next Sunday, January 13. This is a great opportunity to get connected here at GracePoint & be challenged to grow in your faith. Take a look at today's insert for the list of groups.

There are a couple ways to sign-up:

1. Growth Group kiosk in the foyer
2. Go to www.gracepointwesleyan.org/growth-groups.html



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