

Hosea – God’s Relentless Love

Hope in the Wilderness

NOTE GUIDE

SERIES GOAL

That together we would be invited to honestly examine our own hearts, recognize the idols and false hopes we are prone to trust, and grow more deeply thankful for the grace of God that redeems, restores, and leads us into fruitful life with Him.

THIS WEEK'S ANCHOR QUESTION

How does God use the wilderness to restore and renew our relationship with Him?

SCRIPTURE

Hosea 2:14-23

DATE

9/20/26

SPEAKER

Pastor Chris Lenhart

Relentless love speaks hope in the wilderness (14-15)

See also: Gen.16:1-16, Ex.2:11-3:12, Ex.13:17-19:25, 1 Sam.23:1-26:25, Josh.7

Key Concept – Wilderness:

Relentless love renews covenant relationship (16-20)

See also: Hosea 1:2, 2 Tim.2:13

The Great Reversal (Hosea 1:2 & Hosea 2:19-20)

3x repetition:

The actions God promises: “I will...

The qualities God establishes within the relationship:

Our wilderness question:

Relentless love restores fruitfulness and belonging (21-23)

God reverses the children’s names

Jezreel:

Lo-Ruhamah:

Lo-Ammi:

Our response in the wilderness:

Resist interpreting the wilderness as evidence of God’s _____ or _____.

Make room to hear God speak to our _____.

Look toward _____ our doorway of hope.

HOLDING TENSION: questions, convictions, prompts for further study...

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A guide for personal or family devotion time, or small group or ABF

Pray	Ask Jesus to guide your time. Pray through requests for family, church, community, career, friends, etc.
Focus	How does God’s relentless love respond when His love is betrayed?
Read	Hosea 2:14-23 (Read in 2 different versions)
Reflect or Discuss	1. “We try to draw life from people and things God never intended to carry the weight of our souls.” – <i>What person, possession, achievement, relationship, or source of security might you be asking to carry more weight than God intended it to bear?</i> 2. “Whatever has brought us into the wilderness, the testimony of Scripture is that the wilderness is beyond the voice or reach of God.” – <i>Think about a wilderness season in your own life. What made it feel barren or uncertain, and where can you now recognize that God was present for you?</i> 3. “Hope is not always a clear road around the valley. Sometimes God opens a door within the valley.” – <i>Where might you be waiting for God to provide a way around your troubles when He may be opening a doorway of hope within it?</i> 4. “The wilderness can expose the difference between desiring God and just desiring that He would restore the life we preferred.” – <i>What are you most longing for God to restore or change right now? How might you grow more attentive to His presence while you continue waiting for that change?</i> 5. “The scattered are sown. The rejected receive mercy. Those who did not belong are welcomed home.” – <i>What name, failure, rejected, forgotten, unwanted, not enough, has been shaping the way you see yourself? How does belonging to God through Jesus challenge that name?</i>
Apply	Write or journal a prayer to pray daily this week What posture is this text inviting me to practice? (i.e. waiting, listening, courage, generosity, humility, surrender) Write or journal a person or place to intentionally engage