

Series: "5 WAYS TO WRECK YOUR LIFE"
 Part 4: "GO WITH THE FLOW"
 Crossroads Community Church
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In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, Hoshea son of Elah became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned nine years. ² He did evil in the eyes of the Lord, but not like the kings of Israel who preceded him.

2 Kings 17:1-2 (NIV)

¹⁴ But they would not listen and were as stiff-necked as their ancestors, who did not trust in the Lord their God. ¹⁵ They rejected his decrees and the covenant he had made with their ancestors and the statutes he had warned them to keep. They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless. They imitated the nations around them although the Lord had ordered them, "Do not do as they do."

2 Kings 17:14-15 (NIV)

2 ways we follow the world around us

1. _____ the same _____

*"Come, let us return to the Lord.
 He has torn us to pieces
 but he will heal us;
 he has injured us
 but he will bind up our wounds.
² After two days he will revive us;
 on the third day he will restore us,
 that we may live in his presence.*

Hosea 6:1-2 (NIV)

*⁴ "What can I do with you, Ephraim?
 What can I do with you, Judah?
 Your love is like the morning mist,*

like the early dew that disappears.

*⁵ Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets,
 I killed you with the words of my mouth—
 then my judgments go forth like the sun.*

*⁶ For I desire mercy, not sacrifice,
 and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.*

Hosea 6:4-6 (NIV)

2. _____ the same _____

The Lord said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes."

² So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. ³ Then I told her, "You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will behave the same way toward you."

Hosea 3:1-3 (NIV)

2 ways we should stand out from the world around us

1. _____ when it _____

2. _____ when it's _____

2 truths this teaches us about God

- God's love for us is _____
- God loves the _____

Sermon Notes:
