



Failure and God's Love

Hosea 1

1. What did you understand about the book of Hosea before we began this series?

2. Look up the definition of "relentless." How is God's love – relentless?

3. Fill in the blanks. Spiritual Principle – I _____ out of God's _____.

4. Read Hosea 1:1. What is significant about what is said in this verse?

a. How will this impact the way you listen to this series?

5. Read Hosea 1:2. Why is this strange?

a. Read Isaiah 20:1-4. What strange thing did God have the prophet Isaiah do here?

b. Why did God have Hosea do what He commanded him to do?

c. From the sermon – what evil was Israel engaged in that provoked God to take action?

d. How does the Devil twist God's good gift of sex in our day?

6. Read Hosea 1:3-9. What was the point of naming the 3 children these names? From the sermon – how would the Assyrian Empire eventually be involved in 722 B.C.?

a. Why does God's coming judgment of the world provoke you to take evangelism more seriously?

b. Are you sure that you are ready to meet God on judgement day? How do you know?

7. Read Hosea 1:10-11. How is this radically different from all that God just said about condemning the people of Israel?

a. Who will eventually bring about this shift?

b. What had God promised Abraham long before Hosea was written in Genesis 22:17?

c. What does Galatians 3:9 and Romans 2:28-29 teach about Christians?

d. What does Romans 9:24-26 teach about our passage in Hosea 1?

e. Why can you rest assured that you can NEVER fail out of God's love once you are in covenant with Him through faith in Jesus?

8. Name some of your outward failures from this past week (done before others).

9. Name some of your inward failures from this past week (within your heart / mind).

10. Write out a prayer expressing you need for God's help here and thanking God for His endless commitment of love to you.

11. How will you move forward the next time you're feeling overwhelmed by your external and internal failures?
