

# Hosea

God's Unrelenting Love

**Women's Weekend 2018**

Friday, November 9 | Saturday, November 10



A close-up, low-angle shot of a field of golden wheat. The stalks are tall and dense, with many heads of grain in focus. The background is a pale, overcast sky. The overall mood is serene and natural.

"...come,  
let us return  
to the **Lord...**"

Hosea 6:1a

# Welcome

*Welcome.*

We don't say that lightly.

We are glad that *you* are here.

You have been prayed for by name, and we are so very expectant that the Lord, through His Spirit, will do a Divine work this weekend.

May your heart be oh-so-blessed, oh-so-encouraged, and perhaps oh-so-challenged, throughout this weekend.

A few reminders:

Please make yourself comfortable. Grab more coffee, cider, snacks...check out the resource table! If you'd like a few moments of quiet to prepare your heart or respond to the Lord, please, use the prayer room (*the doors to the very right in the front of the sanctuary*).

There are scheduled breaks throughout the weekend, but please, get up as you need.

# Highlighted Resources

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Find these books – and many others! – on the resource table in the foyer.



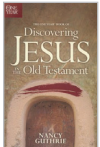
The Gospel Comes with a House Key  
*Rosaria Butterfield*



Even Better than Eden  
*Nancy Guthrie*



Praying through the Bible for your Kids  
*Nancy Guthrie*



Discovering Jesus in the Old Testament  
*Nancy Guthrie*



Made for Friendship  
*Drew Hunter*



Messy Beautiful Friendship  
*Christine Hoover*



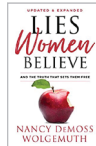
Seasons of Waiting  
*Betsy Childs Howard*



Women and God  
*Kathleen Nielson*



5 Things to Pray for your Heart  
*Rachel Jones*



Lies Women Believe  
*Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth*

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## **Friday Evening**

*Prelude*

Call to Worship

### **Worship Through Song**

*Welcome: Anna Walker*

Table Discussion

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Matt Walker

Worship through Song

### **Hosea, Part 1: Anna Walker**

Worship through Song

— *Break* —

### **Living Room Session: Emily Weller**

Final Thoughts

Closing Song

## **Saturday Morning**

### **Worship through Song**

Table Discussion

### **Living Room Session: Linda Woodhouse**

### **A Discussion on Friendship with Roselyn Moore**

— *Break* —

Scripture Reading: Tyniquo Sturgeon

### **Living Room Session: Sharon Rager**

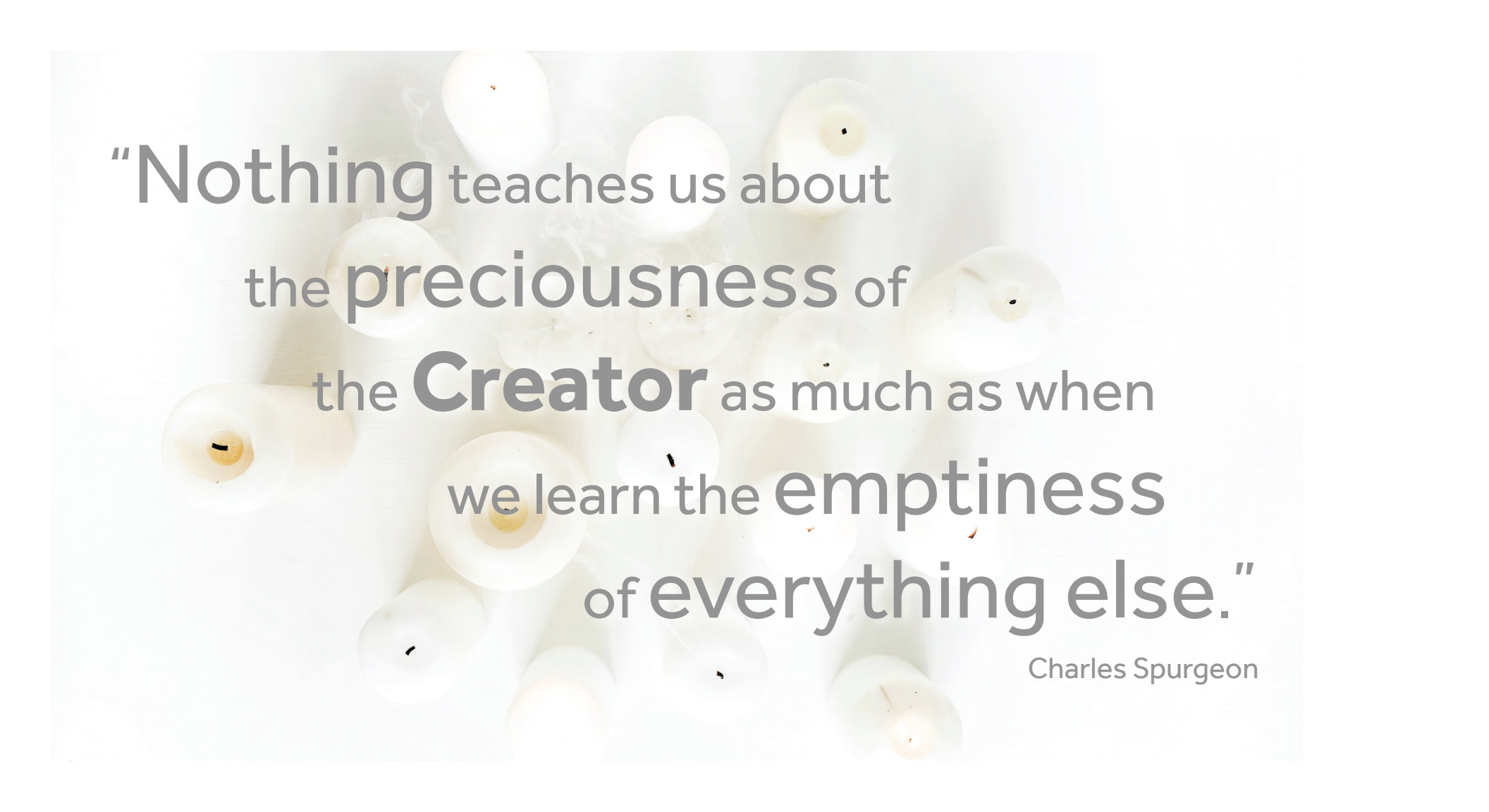
Worship Through Song

### **Hosea, Part 2: Pastor Matt Walker**

Table Discussion

Closing Song


Benediction

A collection of white candles, some lit and some unlit, scattered on a white surface. The candles are of various sizes and shapes, some with visible wicks and some with melted wax. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white.

“Nothing teaches us about  
the preciousness of  
the **Creator** as much as when  
we learn the emptiness  
of everything else.”

Charles Spurgeon





“For I desire steadfast love  
and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God  
rather than burnt offerings.”

Hosea 6:6





A person wearing a beige, textured sweater and a white skirt is holding a large, orange pumpkin with both hands. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The text is overlaid on the image, centered horizontally and vertically.

“Whatever your heart  
clings to and confides in,  
that is really your God...”

Martin Luther



# Personal Reflection Questions

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**Friday Evening:**

*(You won't be sharing any of these – unless you choose to do so later with a friend, which is encouraged! – so feel free to be honest here).*

What has struck your heart the most this evening?

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What is something you'd like to think on further?

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What changes should you make in your life to apply this?

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What is something you perhaps have more questions about?

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# Personal Reflection Questions

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## **Saturday Morning:**

*(Once again, you won't be sharing any of these – unless you choose to do so later with a friend, which we strongly encourage! – so feel free to be honest here).*

What's the single most important truth the Lord has shown me this weekend?

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Who is one friend that I could discuss this weekend with?

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What's the next step I should take to incorporate this into my life? Is there a change I should make?

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What could I study more of, in the Word, to help solidify this truth into my life?

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What's one thing I could pray about for myself this weekend?

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Who is one friend I could take a step towards intentional friendship with?

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Who is one friend that I could send a thank-you note to, to express gratitude towards the way the Lord has used her in my life?

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## 24 Ways to Cultivate Friendships

From *“Made for Friendship”* by Drew Hunter  
(Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2018).

1. Think about what to ask people when you're on your way to meet with them. What do you want to find out about? How can you encourage them?
2. Grab a meal or coffee with someone. Schedule this time together monthly or every other week. Consider discussing the Bible or a book together when you meet.
3. Talk about spiritually significant topics. Ask what your friend is reading in the Bible or in a good book recently. Ask how they are encouraged or discouraged in their life of faith right now. (If you aren't in the habit of having these types of conversations, it might feel awkward at first. Do it anyway, perhaps acknowledging to your friend that it may feel awkward.)
4. Let a couple of close friends know they can correct you when they think it best, and then you promise to receive it well.
5. Use your drive home from school or work or the store to catch up with a distant friend. Even if you only have three minutes. And if you don't reach them, leave an encouraging voicemail.
6. Add four or five friends to your phone's speed dial list so that you can call them more easily more often.
7. Think about someone to whom you often write messages, emails, or letters. Instead of writing, ask them to get together or, if they're far away, call them.
8. If you plan to watch a movie or sports, invite a friend over to join you. Save a certain show for watching with a friend or in a group.
9. With the next book you plan to read, invite one or more people to read it and to meet a few times along the way for discussion.
10. If you're a parent with young children at home, invite someone to join you on a walk or a visit to a park.

11. Ask a friend to help you with a home improvement project, or offer to help your friends with theirs.
12. Regularly exercise, workout, or play a sport with someone.
13. Ask a friend to go on a walk together. Make it a weekly or every-other-week rhythm.
14. Develop your own annual traditions of camping, heading to a city with friends, or enjoying a concert.
15. If you're married, make a plan with your spouse for how to help each other cultivate friendships. Create space for one another to do this. Encourage one another in it.
16. Pick one breakfast slot each week and invite a different friend to join you each time.
17. As you leave your church's Sunday service, invite someone out or over to your home for lunch. Talk about what convicted or encouraged you from the sermon.
18. Keep one evening open each week to invite someone over for dinner.
19. If you have younger children, invite someone over for dessert after your children go to bed. Or invite a friend to join the dinnertime fun and to stick around for family Bible reading and prayer.
20. If you're part of a small group or study group, add a pitch-in dinner to your meetings.
21. Here's a principle to live by: whenever the thought crosses your mind to affirm something about someone, do it, and do it without hesitation.
22. Sometimes, before you say goodbye to friends, say why you're thankful for them. Let them know you love them and that you thank God for them.
23. When you mention people's names in conversation, create the habit of adding a comment about why you respect them.
24. On a friend's birthday, write a thoughtful and encouraging letter to them to let them know why you respect and admire them.

# Old Testament Timeline

