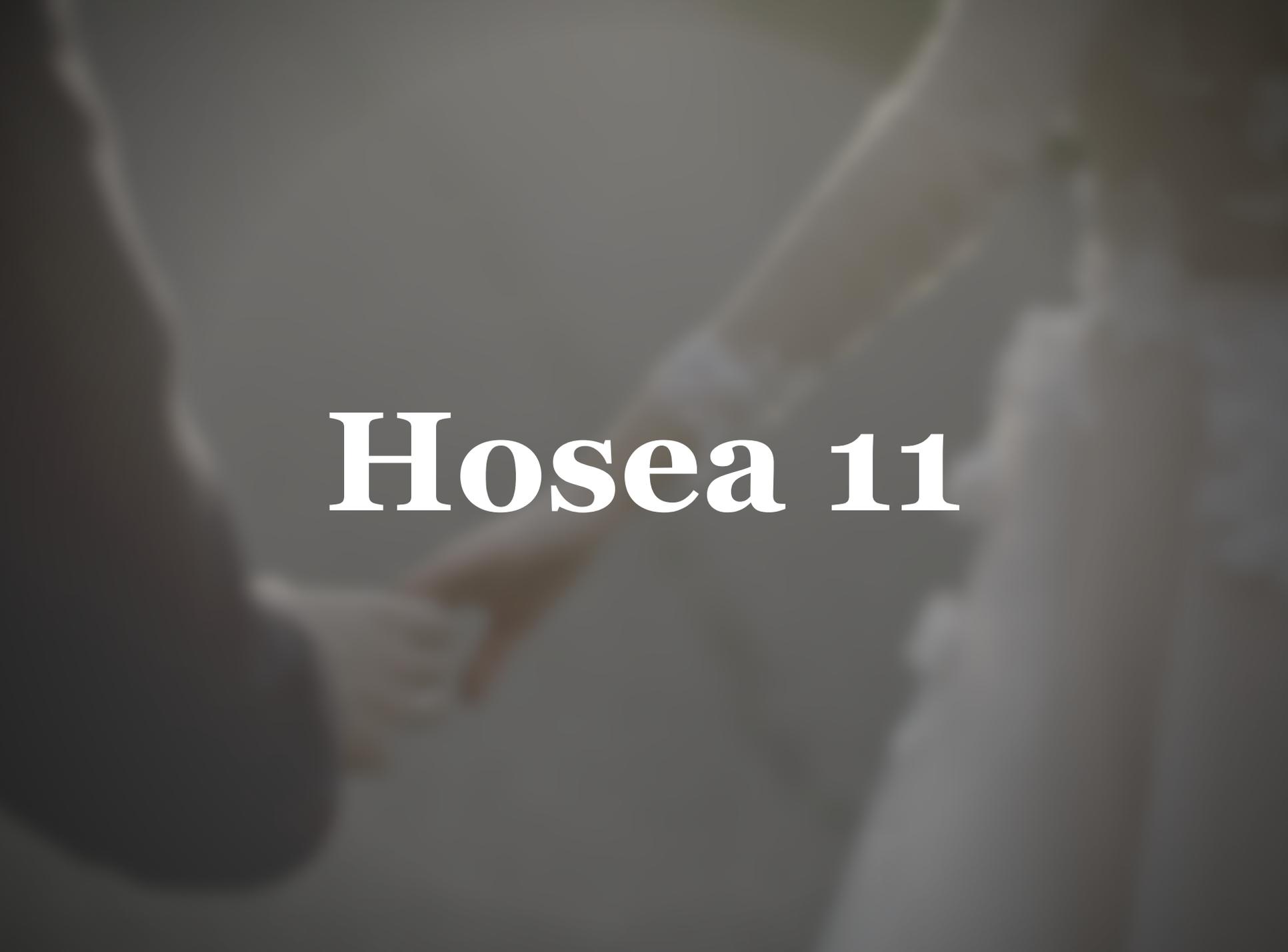




Hosea

faithful to the unfaithful



Hosea 11

Our Three Questions

1. What does the text say?

Authorial intent to the intended audience.

2. What does the text mean?

The timeless theological truth.

3. How does this apply today?

What we ought to do with/because of this truth.

Hosea 11:1-2 (ESV)

**When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son. The
more they were called, the more they
went away; they kept sacrificing to the
Baals and burning offerings to idols.**

Hosea 11:3-4 (ESV)

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk;
I took them up by their arms, but they
did not know that I healed them. I led
them with cords of kindness, with the
bands of love, and I became to them as
one who eases the yoke on their jaws,
and I bent down to them and fed them.

Hosea 11:5-7 (ESV)

They shall not return to the land of Egypt, but Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword shall rage against their cities, consume the bars of their gates, and devour them because of their own counsels. My people are bent on turning away from me, and though they call out to the Most High, he shall not raise them up at all.

Hosea 11:8-9 (ESV)

How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

Hosea 11:10-11 (ESV)

They shall go after the LORD; he will roar like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west; they shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, declares the LORD.

Preview

- **A personal story**

- **The text:**

Introduction: 11:1-2 – God calls... But...

1. 11:3-4 – God taught them

2. 11:5-7 – They refused

3. 11:8-9 – God will not give up!

Conclusion: 11:10-11 – So God will roar!

- **Truths to grasp:**
- **Applications to live:**
- **A brief story**

**A long long time ago on
a farm far far away**



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Hosea 11:1-2

(intro) God Calls... But...

1 I loved him... I called My son...

Quote by Matthew – The life of Jesus

2 The more they were called the more they went away...

Hosea 11:3-4

#1 God Taught Them

3 I taught them to walk, by arms, healed

Deut 1:30-31 You have seen how the Lord
your God carried you as a man his son

**4 I led them with cords of kindness,
bands of love, eased the yoke, fed them**

Hosea 11:5-7

#2 They Refused

**5 Not return to Egypt but Assyria be king
because they refused to repent to Me!**

Deut 1:32-33 Yet you did not believe!

**6 The sword shall: rage, finish, eat them,
because of their own counsels**

Micah 6:16 wicked counsel is for Lord to destroy them

Jn 10:10 The thief comes only to steal kill destroy

**7 My people are bent on repenting away
from Me but their false god will not help.**

Hosea 11:8-9

#3 God Will Not Give UP!

- 8a **How can I do this?** 4x! Give, hand, make, treat
- 8b **My heart recoils, compassion warms up**
- 9a **I will not execute my burning anger
I will not again destroy Ephraim**
- 9b **For I am God and not man
I am The Holy One in your midst
(Emmanuel)
I will not come in wrath**

Hosea 11:10-11

Conclusion: God will roar!

10a **They shall go after the Lord**

He will roar!

(warn, boast size, signal location & call cubs)

He is the Lion of Judah (Rev 5:5)

10b-11a **His children will come trembling**

from the west, Egypt, Assyria

I will return them to their homes

11b **This is A declaration of the Lord!**

Truths to Grasp

1. The call comes from the Lord because He is the One who first loves us!

Exodus 4:22-23 “Israel is my 1st born”

Deut 7:7-8 “The Lord set His love on you and chose you...”

Life is all about God & He is about us

Truths to Grasp

2. BUT... we are bent on turning away from the Lord...

Adam & Eve the perfect everything BUT...

Deut 1:32-33 “Yet you did not believe”

Numbers 21:6-9 Complaints & serpents

We make life all about ourselves

And we cannot get home on our own

Truths to Grasp

3. God will not give up! **Romans 5:8**

John 3:14-15 As Mo lifted up the serpent,
so shall the Son of Man that whoever...

John 3:16 **FOR** God so loved the world...

God provides a way for us to be made
right with Him so we can come home to
Him and He live His right life through us!

BECAUSE HE CHOSE TO LOVE YOU!

Truths to Grasp

So, if you love Him, keep following Him.

If you have strayed, fear not. He will roar like a lion so you can come home to Him.

Because nothing ...will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!

(Ro 8:39)

Application

1. Do not cross the road!

Pray for those who have crossed it!

2. But IF you have, listen for the voice of God in His Word, He will call you by name, for His sheep know His voice and will hear Him. Then come Home!

3. If you don't, He will come roaring after you to bring you to your home.

The Waiting & Watching Father



Questions

1. Was there anything from the text that jumped out at you? If so, what was it and why did it stand out for you?
2. Why do clear lines of right and wrong get blurred and shadowy so that God's children will cross the road when they should not?
3. The Bible says that God calls you by name. How can you know when you hear God's voice instead of your own "bright" ideas or the world's luring lights?
4. What can you do to ensure that you are following the Lord on the correct side of the road?
5. What can you do to help those who appear to be on the wrong side?
6. Who in your circle of friendships and acquaintances need prayer to hear and obey God's call home?
7. Do you hear God's voice calling you right now?