

# PURSUIT OF GOD: UPROOTING A HEART OF SIN

*Sow* FOR YOURSELVES RIGHTEOUSNESS;  
REAP STEADFAST LOVE; BREAK UP YOUR  
FALLOW GROUND, FOR IT IS THE TIME  
TO SEEK THE LORD, THAT HE MAY COME  
AND RAIN RIGHTEOUSNESS UPON YOU.

*Hosea 10:12*

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11:12 Ephraim has surrounded me with lies,  
and the house of Israel with **deceit**,  
but Judah still walks with God  
and is faithful to the Holy One.

## 11:12-12:2

12:1 Ephraim feeds on the wind  
and pursues the east wind all day long;  
they multiply falsehood and violence;  
they make a covenant with Assyria,  
and oil is carried to Egypt.

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2 The LORD has an indictment against Judah and will punish Jacob according to his ways; he will repay him according to his deeds.

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# 12:3-14

3 In the womb he took his brother by the heel,  
and in his manhood he strove with God.

4 He strove with the angel and prevailed;  
he wept and sought his favor.

He met God at Bethel,  
and there God spoke with us—

## 12:3-14

5 the LORD, the God of hosts,  
the LORD is his memorial name:  
6 “So you, by the help of your God, return,  
hold fast to love and justice,  
and wait continually for your God.”

## 12:3-14

7 A merchant, in whose hands are false balances,  
he loves to oppress.  
8 Ephraim has said, “Ah, but I am rich;  
I have found wealth for myself;  
in all my labors they cannot find in me  
iniquity or sin.”

# 12:3-14

9 I am the LORD your God  
from the land of Egypt;  
I will again make you dwell in tents,  
as in the days of the appointed feast.

# 12:3-14

10 I spoke to the prophets;  
it was I who multiplied visions,  
and through the prophets gave parables.

## 12:3-14

11 If there is iniquity in Gilead,  
they shall surely come to nothing:  
in Gilgal they sacrifice bulls;  
their altars also are like stone heaps  
on the furrows of the field.

## 12:3-14

12 Jacob fled to the land of Aram;  
there Israel served for a wife,  
and for a wife he guarded sheep.  
13 By a prophet the LORD brought Israel up  
from Egypt,  
and by a prophet he was guarded.



# 12:3-14

14 Ephraim has given bitter provocation;  
so his Lord will leave his bloodguilt on him  
and will repay him for his disgraceful deeds.

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# 13:1-13:16

1 When Ephraim spoke, there was trembling;  
he was exalted in Israel,  
but he incurred guilt through Baal and died.

## 13:1-13:16

2 And now they sin more and more,  
and make for themselves metal images,  
idols skillfully made of their silver,  
all of them the work of craftsmen.

It is said of them,

“Those who offer human sacrifice kiss calves!”

## 13:1-13:16

3 Therefore they shall be like the morning mist  
or like the dew that goes early away,  
like the chaff that swirls from the threshing  
floor  
or like smoke from a window.



## 13:1-13:16

- 4 But I am the LORD your God  
from the land of Egypt;  
you know no God but me,  
and besides me there is no savior.
- 5 It was I who knew you in the wilderness,  
in the land of drought;

## 13:1-13:16

6 but when they had grazed, they became full,  
they were filled, and their heart was lifted up;  
therefore they forgot me.

7 So I am to them like a lion;  
like a leopard I will lurk beside the way.

## 13:1-13:16

8 I will fall upon them like a bear  
robbed of her cubs;  
I will tear open their breast,  
and there I will devour them like a lion,  
as a wild beast would rip them open.

# 13:1–13:16

9 He destroys you, O Israel,  
for you are against me, against your helper.

# 13:1–13:16

10 Where now is your king, to save you in all  
your cities?

Where are all your rulers—  
those of whom you said,  
“Give me a king and princes”?

# 13:1-13:16

- 11 I gave you a king in my anger,  
and I took him away in my wrath.  
12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up;  
his sin is kept in store.

# 13:1-13:16

- 13 The pangs of childbirth come for him,  
but he is an unwise son,  
for at the right time he does not present  
himself  
at the opening of the womb.

# 13:1-13:16

14 I shall ransom them from the power of  
Sheol;  
I shall redeem them from Death.  
O Death, where are your plagues?  
O Sheol, where is your sting?  
Compassion is hidden from my eyes.

## 1 CORINTHIANS 15:56-57

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



## 13:1-13:16

15 Though he may flourish among his brothers,  
the east wind, the wind of the LORD,  
shall come, rising from the wilderness,  
and his fountain shall dry up;  
his spring shall be parched;  
it shall strip his treasury of every precious thing.

## 13:1-13:16

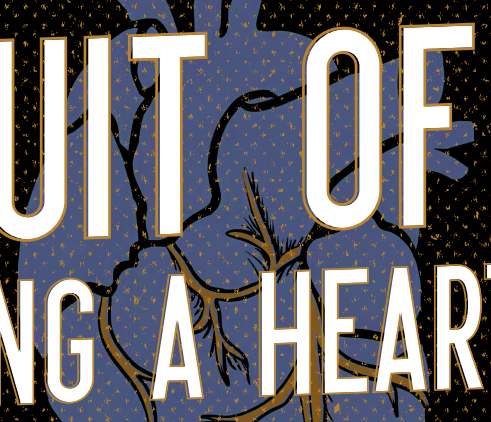
16 Samaria shall bear her guilt,  
because she has rebelled against her God;  
they shall fall by the sword;  
their little ones shall be dashed in pieces,  
and their pregnant women ripped open.

# DISCIPLESHIP CUES

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1. When you examine your life where is God in it?
2. Jesus is the only one who takes away the sting of sin by defeating it in his death, burial and resurrection. Why do we need reminding of this?



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