

# SCANDALOUS

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF HOSEA

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Series: "Scandalous" Part 5 of 6

Message: "This is Love"

**Text:** Hosea 11

## Big idea

It is out of real love that God pursues His people.

## This is love

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's love.

*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 11:1-2 (ESV)

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Love

*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 11:3-4 (ESV)

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ for rejecting God's love.

*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.* Hosea 11:5-6 (ESV)

*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 11:7 (ESV)

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's love.

*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 11:8-9 (ESV)

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's love.

*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.* Hosea 11:10-11 (ESV)

### MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Reserve your seat for in person worship next Sunday.
- Read Hosea 12-14 in preparation for next week's message.
- Trust and follow Jesus today.

*We exist to help people trust and follow Jesus*