

# Relentless

## I will be faithful and make you mine

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**Scripture:** Hosea 11:1-11

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### Notes:

Fatherly Love (11:1-4)

- Tender heart of the Father
- Intentional heart of the Father
- Jealous heart of the Father

The Lord of Heaven's Armies says to the priests: "A son honors his father, and a servant respects his master. If I am your father and master, where are the honor and respect I deserve? You have shown contempt for my name! But you ask, 'How have we ever shown contempt for your name?' You have shown contempt by offering defiled sacrifices on my altar. —Malachi 1:6-7a

Disciplinary Love (11:5-7)

- Love teaches lessons
- Love follows through
- Love disciplines firmly

Compassionate Love (11:8-9)

- God's love is personal
- God's love is powerful
- God's love is patient
- God's love is preeminent

"Because God is God, and not man, there is still forgiveness for you, even though you may be steeped up to your throat in iniquity. You have a God to deal with, and not a hard man, nor even a merely just man. No human being could have patience with you: **you** would have wearied out an angel, as you have wearied your sorrowing father; but God is longsuffering." —CH Spurgeon

Conquering Love (11:10-11)

- Already conquered
- Already conquered again
- Future victory

The Lord's voice will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth will shake. But the Lord will be a refuge for his people, a strong fortress for the people of Israel. —Joel 3:16

But one of the twenty-four elders said to me, "Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the heir to David's throne, has won the victory. He is worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals." —Revelation 5:5

Two Responses

### **Turn to the Lord**

Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near. Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously. —Isaiah 55:6-7

### **Stay Faithful to the Lord**

These things happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did...These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age. —1 Corinthians 10:6,11