Relentless I will be faithful and make you mine

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Scripture: Hosea 4-5

Notes:

- Chapter 4 Idolatry is exposed and its devastation described.
- Chapter 5 Unrepentant sin leads to unrelenting judgement.
- YET...God is always quick to give mercy to the broken, repentant sinner.

The initial <u>accusation</u> (4:1-3)

- No faithfulness
- No kindness
- No knowledge
- Broken commandments

The weight of <u>leadership</u> (4:4-9)

- Accept responsibility
- Recognize missteps
- Acknowledge God
- Wrong motives

The dangers of association (4:9-19)

- Blind following
- Reject the rejector
- No shame in shame
- Sweeping shame

The summarized charge (5:1-5)

- Listen up!
- Sin cannot be hidden
- Actions do not match affections
- Pride before the fall

The declared judgement (5:6-15)

- Withdrawal
- Emptiness
- Invasion
- Destruction
- Abandonment
- Trouble

The answer to prideful independence is intimate dependence.