



OLD TESTAMENT • MINOR PROPHETS

Hosea

Persistent love confronting unfaithfulness

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The big picture

Hosea portrays Israel's covenant unfaithfulness through painful family imagery and prophetic appeals. Idolatry, injustice, and shallow repentance reveal a people who have forgotten the God who loves them. Judgment is real, yet compassion persists and a return is offered. The book calls readers toward sincere knowledge of God; its metaphors must never be used to excuse abuse in human relationships.

Words to carry

“For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.”

Hosea 6:6 · KJV

Live it

01 Replace one outward religious performance with sincere obedience.

02 Practice mercy toward someone who needs practical care.

03 Name honestly a loyalty that is drawing you away from God.

Pause & reflect

What would returning to God mean beyond saying the right words?

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