

## Hosea: Does God Love Me When My Family Is Less Than Ideal?

Hosea's family life teaches three lessons:

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ affects our children.
  
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ hurt.
  
- III. God \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_.

Conclusion: What was the end of Hosea and Gomer? I don't know. That was up to Hosea and Gomer. How will your story continue?

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### Bible Questions

1. Who set fire to three hundred foxes' tails?
2. What Hebrew served a quick lunch under a tree?
3. Who said, "Is there any taste in the white of an egg?"
4. When did four vegetarians win a young men's beauty contest?
5. What hungry man cursed a fruitless fig tree?

Answers will be in next week's bulletin.

**August 20, 2023**

**Song Leader-Mike Tinius**

**Welcome**

121-Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing  
578-We Will Glorify  
NIB-Every Time

**Prayer**  
**Rickey Wilson**

**Scripture Reading**  
**Hosea 2:19-23**  
**CR Hamilton**

176-Lamb of God

**Lord's Supper and**  
**Contribution**  
**Ronnie Hoover**

779-I Love You, Lord

**Coins for Christ/Bible Times**

NIB- Amazing Grace

**Lesson- Chris Graham**  
**"Hosea: Does God Love Me**  
**When My Family Is Less Than**  
**Ideal?"**

936-Lord, I'm Coming home

**Announcements**  
**Shepherd's Prayer**  
**Victor Jones**

**Welcome Guests!** We are honored that you have joined us today and hope that you will be blessed by your time with us in worship. The following are some helpful tips on making the most of your visit with us this morning.

**Register-** Our guests, as well as members, are asked to register their attendance as the pads are passed down each pew.

**Attended Nursery** is available for children up to three years of age in the west wing. (Kid Zone)

**Bible Times** is for older twos through fourth grade. Two's-K are in the children's wing, room 4, and 1st-4th are in room 6.

**Quiet Bags** for children are available at the table by the children's wing.

**The Welcome Center** has details about ministries, classes and more. It is in the main entrance outside the auditorium.

**To access internet, connect to West Freeway Guest. No password needed.**

**Phone:817-246-8000**

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**August 20, 2023**

**Assemblies:**

**Sunday**

Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Evening 4:00 p.m.  
Communion will be offered at each Sunday meeting.

**Wednesday**

7:00 p.m.

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**Elder of the month: Mike Tinius**



### How Do I Respond to Consequences?

There is an old preacher story (which means it could have happened, but probably didn't) about two shoe company sales representatives who were sent to the same foreign country. The first sent a telegram back home: SITUATION HOPELESS – NO ONE WEARS SHOES. The second's first telegram read: SEND MORE PRODUCT IMMEDIATELY. POSSIBILITIES UNLIMITED. EVERYONE NEEDS OUR PRODUCT. Both agents saw the same situation, but their responses were completely different.

How do I respond to adversity? Sometimes, it is most difficult to maintain a positive attitude when my troubles are the consequence of my own sin. Poverty, disease, broken relationships and more can result when one ignores God's word. Consequences can continue in effect long after forgiveness has been obtained. God's forgiveness for a murderer will not stay the state's execution.

God's forgiveness is more important than relief from consequences. Hosea's wife, Gomer, bore three children during their marriage, but only the first was identified as belonging to Hosea (1:3, 6, 8). After she had been put away, God sent Hosea to buy Gomer back (3:1-5). He rescued her from the degradation she had fallen into, but their relationship had changed. She would no longer be a harlot with other men, but they seemed to have had no more children. She lived with the consequences of her actions, but was rescued from slavery. Hosea was illustrating the captivity that he predicted Israel would endure. Yet, he promised, "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely" Hosea 14:4.

Divorce your consequences from your forgiveness. If you are walking in the light (1 John 1:7), the blood is cleansing you. There may be lingering problems, or even new problems from sin. Don't let consequences dishearten you. Trust God's forgiveness and keep on keeping on.

**Chris**



**TODAY**

Anniversary reception for Bob & Shirley Durko. 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the fellowship area.

**September 2**

Family Game night at 5:00 p.m. at the church building in the fellowship area.

**September 6**

First Responders Lunch

**September 23**

Family and youth Devo at the Grahams home at 5:00 p.m.

**Men**

Men's Bible Study, **Tuesdays** at 6:30 p.m.

**Men's Breakfast**

Held each Tuesday morning at 7:00 at Westside Café. Come join in the fellowship.

**Ladies' Bible Class**

**Tuesdays** in the Fellowship Area 9:30 a.m.

**Mission Work Session**

Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Area. If you have any questions, please see Ollie Taylor-Brewer.

**Food Pantry needs: ranch style beans, spam, canned chicken, tuna, spaghetti-o's, or any canned meals or meat that does not require cooking or refrigeration.**

**HomeMission**

Please pick up a copy of "WAYS TO MAKE A VISIT". There will be new issues each week. The HM newsletter will keep you up to date on the latest things happening with HomeMission.

**Ted talks...**

A song written by Rusty Goodman: "I Believe He's Coming Back Like He Said"

High upon a mountain from where He ascended  
An angel of the Lord declared that it would be,  
He said, "don't stand here grieving for the one you see leaving,  
In like manner He's coming back for you and me.

Chorus:

I believe He's coming back like He said,  
I believe that the trumpet's gonna sound so loud, one day it will wake the dead.  
In the twinkling of an eye, He'll split the eastern sky  
And I believe He's coming back like He said.

I believe the time is nearing that we'll soon see His appearing  
This could be the hour and this could be the day,  
When the saints of every nation are gonna loose gravitation  
In the middle of the air be called away

Chorus with a tag:

Tag:  
In the twinkling of an eye, He'll split the eastern sky  
And I believe He's coming back like He said  
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Please look at 1 John 2:28 for a closing thought: pray for His return!

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**Our heartbeat (8/13/23)**  
Bible Class: 79  
AM Worship: 135  
PM: 56  
Wednesday: 47  
Contribution: \$6,640.76  
Weekly Budget: \$8,145.00  
Difference: \$ - 1,504.24  
Average: \$7,774.62

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**Praying without ceasing...**

**Les Sweeton** is at Harris SW (rm 4139) with bronchitis and pneumonia.

**Sue Smith** is requesting prayers for her son, **Stephen Smith**.

**Deanna Morton** had surgery on her shoulder.

**Lee Hines** had extensive back surgery.

**Jean Sikes** is home from the hospital. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she recovers.

**Jean would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, calls and cards.**

**Glenda Graham** had surgery on her wrist on Friday.

**Other Members in need of Prayer:**  
**James Blakley, Marie Clark, Bob Durko, Margaret Hamilton, John Johnson, Reba Myers, Frank Piksie, Diana Richardson, Dolores Thatch, Donna Williams.**

**Family Members:**

**Kimberly Morse, Shirley Johnson's** daughter is in the hospital with some health issues.

**Renae Quiruz, Ron and Leslie Rutledge's** niece lost her husband. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Upcoming Youth and Family Events**

I am so thankful that my family and I are working with the congregation here at West Freeway. You all have made us feel at home from the moment we arrived.

Starting on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will have our first youth and family game night at 5pm in the fellowship area. Bring your favorite snacks, drinks, and board games and enjoy some Christian fellowship. We will have a family game night on the first Saturday of each month.

Additionally, each month we will have a youth and family devotional that will consist of a meal, singing, and a short Bible lesson. The first youth devotional will be hosted at the home of Chris and Glenda Graham on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm.

For these events to be successful, we need those who are willing to serve. If you would like to help with food, host a devotional at your home, or even prepare a devotional lesson, please let me know. The more people involved, the better!

I look forward to getting to know you all better in the coming months as we gather together.

In Christian Love,

**DJ Stucky**