

Hosea 1-3

Hello, good evening Church.

It's wonderful to be here with all of you.

Tonight, we will continue our journey through the Old Testament...

We have finished the Book of Daniel and will begin the Book of Hosea.

Before we begin, I would like to ask that you keep the group of ladies in prayer who are leaving for Mexico tomorrow morning.

They will be gone until Monday morning, and they have a lot lined up. Please pray for a fruitful time of ministry and safety.

Also, please pray for the dads who will be back watching the kids. This dad will be home with all six, so I have cereal lined up for breakfast, lunch, and dinner the entire weekend.

So, let's pray, and then we'll begin our study tonight...

My father raised me from my earliest memories to be a man...

I had chores while my sisters played...

I had to get a job in my early teens. My dad wasn't going to pay for anything for his son, but those girls... they were spoiled.

At 18 years old, for my birthday, man, I had a big present to open, my dad got me a big Tupperware full of all my first household items... my first set of paper towels, my first laundry soap, my first everything I needed to get a household going... and he said, your 18 now, it is time for you to start your own household.

He raised me to be a man... and looking back, I appreciate that... I see 20-somethings, still little kids today... because their parents don't have the heart ever to make their sons grow up... 30 somethings... even 40-year-olds who have never had to grow up... because they never had to... mom was always there to coddle them... dad was never allowed to make a man out of them...

However, I never understood why my sisters had a different dad than I did. To this day, that man still goes out of his way to support his girls.

However, I saw things crystal clear on February 28th, 2012, when I held my firstborn baby girl, Sofia, for the first time... It all made sense to me in that moment why my dad was the way he was with my sisters...

I have three daughters and three sons, but there is something different about those girls and the connection they have with my heart.

My boys, I want to be men... I love them enough to want to raise them to be men... I don't wish to be like adolescent boys in their 20s; they are in a different line in their lives.

And I notice that they thrive on the attention they receive in that line. They enjoy wrestling, challenging tasks, push-ups, and the sense of accomplishment that comes with hard work. That is their love language.

But there is something sweet, special, and just splendid about my little girls.

They are daring, delicate, charming, and challenging.

They can break my heart like no one else on this earth as well.

When I have the worst of days, my dreams are shattered. Someone has let me down, and things have taken a turn for the worse.

When trials abound, it's then that one of my little girls climbs on my lap and says, "Daddy, I love you the most."

Light begins to shine in my day again...

When darkness overwhelms my soul... some of the happy thoughts I have are those little girls saying something so cute or dancing so funny... Or triumphing on the soccer field...

We have so much hope for our little girls... but there is a tragedy in life...

It crushes a father's soul and saddens our hearts to see the sweetness of our daughters turn sour, to see their soft little hearts turn hard...

To watch those things that made the little one so cute make her now cunning and sinfully ambitious.

When she uses her charm and beauty for wicked gain in life.

Hosea is the story of two little girls who grew up into wicked women.

Little girls who were loved and considered precious by the men in their lives, but they sinned against that love and chose their own path.

One of those little girls was Gomer, and the other is Israel; both will serve as a picture and a lesson for another young lady, the Bride of Christ, the Church, you and I.

The word Hosea means “Savior.” It is very similar to Joshua.

We are told now in verse 1...

Hosea's Unfaithful Wife

1:1 The word of the LORD that came to Hosea the son of Beerī, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

Here we immediately learn that Hosea was a prophet in the same time period as Isaiah.

Isaiah, however, was ministering in the Southern Kingdom of Judah, and Hosea was in the North, in Israel.

They served as contemporaries.

We will learn now of the great difficulty of Hosea's ministry that he was called to.

Look at verse 2...

The Family of Hosea

2 When the LORD began to speak by Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea:

"Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry
And children of harlotry,
For the land has committed great harlotry
By departing from the LORD ."

God is asking His servant, the prophet Hosea, to live out a picture.

He will say in

Hos 12:10 I have also spoken by the prophets,
And have multiplied visions;
I have given symbols through the witness of the
prophets."

Hosea's life will serve as a symbol of what the people have done to God in turning away to other gods.

God is using his life as a symbol for the people to look at and see this picture of their sin.

The nation of Israel has turned to other gods, going after them, lusting after them.

What were the gods?

Pleasure... gods of sexual desires... the Ashtoreth.

They even had the god of intellectual pursuit, the god of money, mammon, and power.

When God's people start turning to these things, desiring these things, lusting after these things, then God looks upon them as though they are committing spiritual harlotry.

People turn to their sexual lovers instead of the One True Living God.

They turn to their vices, their careers, their successes, to whatever is, and in their pride, they declare, "I am god, I will choose my own way, make a god of my own liking."

And because of the sophistication of our age, we are going after the same gods that the Children of Israel went after.

We are trying to find satisfaction and relief, even meaning in these other things, but we are not grabbing a little wooden image and worshipping it; we think we are in the clear...

But that little needle going in your arm, the pipe hitting your mouth, the bottle wetting your lips, the woman in your bed or on your screen, all of it is the same... idolatry...

The title in your job, that master passion in your life... that fishing rod, the hot rod, the cue rod... whatever it is that drives your life's decisions...

God wants you to look to Him for complete fulfillment and for satisfaction...

So, the land has committed this great harlotry... by departing from the Lord.

This is a tough one to obey... Hosea needs to go and marry a harlot... verse 3 now...

3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. **4** Then the LORD said to him:

"Call his name Jezreel,
For in a little *while*
I will avenge the bloodshed of Jezreel on the house
of Jehu,
And bring an end to the kingdom of the house of
Israel.

5 It shall come to pass in that day
That I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of
Jezreel."

So, in his obedience here, he marries the prostitute Gomer, and they have a child, a son, whom God wants him to name Jezreel.

Again, this is all symbolic... speaking to the issues of the day.

One of the most wicked kings of the day, and really in the history of Israel, was Ahab, and he was married to the most wicked woman in the Bible, Jezebel.

She led Israel into complete apostasy... and brought in the worship of Baal.

She was even able to put the mighty prophet Elijah to flight in fear after killing all the false prophets...

Ahab was made strong by this woman...

Remember, he wanted the field of Naboth; he almost cried like a baby over it....

Naboth wouldn't give the king his field, it was his inheritance... it was not for sale...

The king was pouting about it all, and Jezebel found him in that pathetic state, and she said she would get the field for him.

She hired wicked men to bring false charges against Naboth, cursing God's law and God, and he was put to death on a lie...

And she told her husband, "Go get your field."

She was a wicked woman...

Elijah was sent to prophecy about it all...

1 Kings 21:23-24 'The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.' **24** The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Ahab and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the field."

Well, eventually a general began to rise in the ranks in the years after Ahab, with Jezebel still alive...

Jehu killed the king of the South in Judah and the King of the North in Israel, and was heading to Jezreel to kill the sons of Ahab, seventy sons...

The people of Jezreel agreed to kill those boys because this man had already killed two kings, so they could not stand against him; they would send all the heads of Ahab's sons to him in a basket.

And it is here that God is going to avenge this horrible deed that the men of Jezreel did in killing these sons by Jehu.

God will cause the Kingdom of Israel to cease.

The northern Kingdom would fall to the Assyrians in the days of Hosea's prophecies due to all the gruesome wickedness that they allowed in the land.

Verse 6...

6 And she conceived again and bore a daughter.
Then *God* said to him:
"Call her name Lo-Ruhamah,

For I will no longer have mercy on the house of Israel,

But I will utterly take them away.

The word “Lo” in English is “No,” and “Ruhamah” is mercy or pity.

God is not going to have any pity on the House of Israel.

They have taken things too far this time.... They have gone past that line, where there is no longer mercy, but only judgment in store for her.

Where that line is, only God knows... but this was hundreds and hundreds of years of patient love from God, waiting for them to turn their hearts toward Him.

But now in verse 7...

7 Yet I will have mercy on the house of Judah,
Will save them by the LORD their God,
And will not save them by bow,
Nor by sword or battle,
By horses or horsemen."

Now, the northern Kingdom did fall to the Assyrians, who eventually came and tried to take the southern kingdom of Judah as well.

God promised to spare them, however, which is pretty remarkable.

This tiny kingdom stands against an Empire.

In the days of King Hezekiah, as he trusted in the Lord and waited upon God, the Assyrians moved their troops and encircled Jerusalem.

Over 185,000 men surrounded the city... and one morning, as the Hebrews woke up, they noticed that it was silent around the city.

There were corpses all around, because an angel of the Lord had gone out, and destroyed that mighty army, and those who lived fled in fear...

And as the Lord promised here, God saved Judah, but not with military prowess, by bow or sword, with horses or in the battle, but by an act of God.

God would not spare Israel, but He would act on behalf of Judah; there would still be mercy for them in the days of Hosea.

Verse 8 now...

8 Now when she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. **9** Then *God* said:

"Call his name Lo-Ammi,
For you *are* not My people,
And I will not be your *God*."

Israel tragically had gone too far.. God is divorcing them, and it is the end.. They had crossed the line...

God is telling them they are no longer His people.

Which is interesting... on the outside, people might have said they were more blessed...

They had more land, more money, more prosperity...

It might seem that God was blessing them... doing for them, even what He was not doing for the people of Judah at the time...

Israel was prospering... thriving... and there in the South, as they clung to the Lord their God, they were smaller... not so well off... and yet God had determined to separate Himself from one and to show mercy to the other.

Lo-Ammi means not my child...

He is disowning them altogether.

But God's Mercy is not outmatched by His judgment ever... Sure... in this moment of evil... There will be no hope for Israel... nor does it seem their hearts desire any hope of turning to the Lord.

But God knows a day will come, where as a nation, their hearts will change... and at that time there will be mercy enough for them.

Verse 10...

The Restoration of Israel

10 'Yet the number of the children of Israel
Shall be as the sand of the sea,
Which cannot be measured or numbered.
And it shall come to pass
In the place where it was said to them,
'*You are not My people,*
There it shall be said to them,
'*You are sons of the living God.*'

11 Then the children of Judah and the children of
Israel
Shall be gathered together,
And appoint for themselves one head;

And they shall come up out of the land,
For great *will be* the day of Jezreel!

Our God is so good... His mercy is so great!

Hereafter, He has pronounced judgment, after mentioning His separation from the people....

He gives them a future assurance.

“I will bless you in the future.... Your children will be like the sand.”

God always holds a brighter tomorrow for His people.

You understand this. We are to leave yesterday behind us...

Phil 3:12 I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

Perhaps you are going through some difficult times right now in your life. Understand that it is never God's intention to leave you there.

Maybe you are in the Valley tonight... He won't leave you down... if you turn back to Him... Look to Him... He always lifts us again...

Ultimately, God will be gracious and merciful.

God tells them, 'You are not My people in this moment...'

But there will be a moment when circumstances will change, their hearts will change, and they will be sons of the living God.

God foresees once again a time when Judah and Israel will be united, with no division in the Kingdoms or leadership.

This is a prophecy of the rebirth of the nation of Israel, which occurred in 1948. Israel became a nation, one nation, one government...

Chapter 2 now...

2:1 Say to your brethren, 'My people,'
And to your sisters, 'Mercy* *is shown.*'

God's Unfaithful People

2 "Bring charges against your mother, bring charges;
For she *is* not My wife, nor *am* I her Husband!

Let her put away her harlotries from her sight,
And her adulteries from between her breasts;

3 Lest I strip her naked

And expose her, as in the day she was born,
And make her like a wilderness,
And set her like a dry land,
And slay her with thirst.

4 "I will not have mercy on her children,

For they *are* the children of harlotry.

5 For their mother has played the harlot;

She who conceived them has behaved shamefully.

For she said, 'I will go after my lovers,

Who give *me* my bread and my water,

My wool and my linen,

My oil and my drink.'

6 "Therefore, behold,

I will hedge up your way with thorns,

And wall her in,

So that she cannot find her paths.

7 She will chase her lovers,

But not overtake them;

Yes, she will seek them, but not find *them*.

Then she will say,

'I will go and return to my first husband,
For then *it was* better for me than now.'

We notice now He has taken off the “Lo” in front of Ammi...

They are going after material things; they were devoted to the gods of materialism...

They boast, “It is by my hard work that I have what I have.”

They are no longer giving glory to their God.

And the gods of this world will always come up short in satisfying a person’s life.

As you climb the career ladder, there is always another level to reach.

Education, you get a degree, and there is another you must get...

In pleasure... There is always a next level...

In vices... more is the name of the game...

You will never get enough in this world...

And like the woman in our picture... she wanted to return to her husband after going back into her harlotries.

Like the prodigal son, who ended up in the pig pen eating the slop they fed the swine.

He came to himself... and said, I've got to go home.

He knew that if he just told his dad that he had blown it, that he didn't deserve to be a son anymore, but he could be a servant.

The servants he grew up with had it better than this pigpen.

But his father saw him from a great distance.

Dad must have been out there every day watching for that young man...

When he saw him, he got undignified, and lifted his robe, and ran to that boy, and kissed him...

He ordered a feast to be readied, "This son that was lost is home!"

And here, she finally wakes up to her choices, and she will say it was better with my first husband...

We don't know why she returned to her old lifestyle...
Maybe she felt she had to; her needs were not being met...

Maybe she felt like she needed to take matters into her own hands...

Perhaps she didn't like being dependent on anyone; she valued her independence, and it scared her that she now needed this man to care for her.

Whatever the reason, she left, returning to that trashy life. But there, after experiencing the goodness of the clean life with her husband, she wanted to go back. She couldn't stand the filth.

So many wreck their marriages today over similar reasons.

Like so many today, how they justify their sins and adultery and even their divorces...

"I just had to do it for me."

I cannot tell you how many Christians I have heard justify their divorce with that excuse...

That they had a friend tell them it was time to do something for themselves —to live for themselves —

to decide for themselves, as if that were in the Bible somewhere.

And that is what they want to go to the Bema Seat with...

There was never adultery or abuse... they didn't want to be married to the person anymore... and they justified it...

"Lord, I know marriage is supposed to be till death do us part... but I just was not in love with him anymore, I loved him, but not in love with him, and I needed to live for me."

As if love is some emotion or instinct that is the determining factor in this lifetime commitment...

No, love is hard work; it never thinks of itself. It is something we do, rather than something we feel...

Those people have bought into a Satanic lie, where they have made it about themselves...

And you know something, I have observed, for the most part, those who do end up divorcing for "Me" are some of the most miserable people... they didn't find the happiness or peace they were seeking in that

decision... they had to find medication, therapy, and they are miserable...

Because they went against God's Way...

Hosea's wife went back to her old ways... bought into the lies of it all... and she realized that was a mistake...

But God is using it all for a picture of His own...

Verse 8...

8 For she did not know

That I gave her grain, new wine, and oil,
And multiplied her silver and gold —
Which they prepared for Baal.

9 "Therefore I will return and take away

My grain in its time
And My new wine in its season,
And will take back My wool and My linen,
Given to cover her nakedness.

10 Now I will uncover her lewdness in the sight of
her lovers,

And no one shall deliver her from My hand.

11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease,
Her feast days,

Her New Moons,
Her Sabbaths —
All her appointed feasts.

12 "And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees,
Of which she has said,
'These *are* my wages that my lovers have given me.'
So I will make them a forest,
And the beasts of the field shall eat them.

13 I will punish her
For the days of the Baals to which she burned
incense.

She decked herself with her earrings and jewelry,
And went after her lovers;
But Me she forgot," says the LORD .

God is going to deal with Israel; He will let them be forsaken, let the land be overcome... because they went after other lovers.

Maybe you know the shame of being cheated on...
how terrible it is to be in love with someone...

To be committed to someone, and they are out there,
with another lover, other lovers, the shame and

embarrassment.... The rage and anger that comes over a person...

God loved Israel as His beloved, and she had no shame; she openly and boldly gave herself to others...

God said, "So be it, there will be consequences, until your heart returns to Me."

God's stubborn love just won't let them go, as we will see next...

I want you to know this tonight, too, even for you.

God's Love persists, He pursues, and He has a stubborn love for you....

He won't let you go easily...

Look now at verse 14...

God's Mercy on His People

14 'Therefore, behold, I will allure her,
Will bring her into the wilderness,
And speak comfort to her.

This is a painful cry of a scorned lover... Hosea truly loved Gomer, despite her infidelities.

And God loved His people despite their unfaithfulness.

This is what makes sin so terrible.

It is one thing to reject God's truth, but it is another level to spurn His Great Love...

Verse 15...

15 I will give her her vineyards from there,
And the Valley of Achor as a door of hope;
She shall sing there,
As in the days of her youth,
As in the day when she came up from the land of
Egypt.

God is describing His people's rock bottom... once they are humbled enough, broken enough, He will then work to allure them back to His Love.

But God will only court a contrite and humble heart.

The Word of God tells us...

Ps 34:18 The LORD *is* near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.

It is when we come to God broken and humble that He reaches down and heals the broken heart...

We hand Him the broken pieces and He gets to work on mending them together.

Interestingly, Hosea predicts that the Valley of Achor here will be the door of hope for Israel, Achor meaning "trouble."

The Valley of Trouble will be a door of hope...

Innocence and freshness will be restored to this hardened prostitute.

Listen to me very carefully... Because this is a truth, throughout God's Word, and experienced by God's People throughout the centuries, many of us can testify tonight...

Through the darkest times, after the most challenging, most trying times in our lives, when we are in the midst of the Valley of Trouble.... It is often right there that we begin to see the hope and deliverance of the Lord.

Those seasons of pain in my own life, as I look back, were doorways to some of the most significant

breakthroughs and clearest moments with God in my life.

If you are sitting in the Valley of Trouble tonight... understand the way our God Works... that is the doorway to Light and Hope... He will not leave you there...

He will come... He will deliver... He is going to show up...

Don't lose hope... hang on... cling to Him and His Promises in His Word...

Israel had lost its first love... but through this Valley, she would find her way back to Him again, and God would win back her devotion.

Verse 16 now...

16 "And it shall be, in that day,"

Says the LORD ,

"*That* you will call Me 'My Husband,'

And no longer call Me 'My Master,'

I like this here, I will tell you why...

This reminds me of the kind of relationship I have with God, because of the sacrifice Jesus made for me...

I am His servant... He is my Master... as we talked about on Sunday, I am bought by the precious blood of the Lamb, a Bondservant, by choice, given myself into the service of the King.

But the priority of my relationship with God is not serving Him... I believe it is essential to understand...

The priority in my life today is to know Him and to love Him...

That reality will lead me to some doing of course...

God tells them here that there is a day coming when you won't call me Master, but Husband.

Think about what Jesus said in

John 15:15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

You see, in Jesus, God wants a personal, deep relationship with us.

It is easy to fall into this trap that many fall into today...

Into serving and doing Churchy things, without the main thing, the first thing, the priority...

They want to perform for others, but they lack passion for the Lord.

They want to put off an image of devotion, but there is no connection with Jesus...

They portray a busyness, but their heart is not in it...

He desires a deep relationship... He doesn't want to be a boss...

Verse 17...

17 For I will take from her mouth the names of the Baals,
And they shall be remembered by their name no more.

18 In that day I will make a covenant for them
With the beasts of the field,
With the birds of the air,
And *with* the creeping things of the ground.

Bow and sword of battle I will shatter from the earth, To make them lie down safely.

19 "I will betroth you to Me forever;

Yes, I will betroth you to Me
In righteousness and justice,
In lovingkindness and mercy;

20 I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness,
And you shall know the LORD .

21 "It shall come to pass in that day

That I will answer," says the LORD ;

"I will answer the heavens,
And they shall answer the earth.

22 The earth shall answer

With grain,
With new wine,
And with oil;
They shall answer Jezreel.

23 Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth,
And I will have mercy on *her who had* not obtained
mercy; Then I will say to *those who were* not My
people, 'You *are* My people!'

And they shall say, '*You are my God!*'"

God speaks of this beautiful restoration, a drawing back, and claiming them as His people.

Now, this has not happened with the Jews yet, the spiritual return of Israel to God.

The nation of Israel is secular, many are atheists... one of our guides, a brilliant Bible scholar, calls himself a Jewish, Atheist, Communist.

There are religious people in the Land, but they are the minority and they stand out...

Orthodox Jews wore distinctive clothing, including black hats and long black coats, and often had small curls on the sides of their heads.

They stand out... and it is only about 10% that are really religious.¹

The spiritual work that God will do is still yet future... There is, as we saw in Daniel, a future time period where God will turn His attention back to the Jews...

There will be a revival in the land, and many, most, will turn to Jesus Christ as their Messiah. This will take place during the Great Tribulation.

¹ <https://www.timesofisrael.com/religion-has-outsized-role-in-israel-yet-most-of-its-jews-arent-really-observant/>

Hosea is seeing a time of restoration, a spiritual revival, a time where God will once again claim them as His people.

They are in the land; this is part of what must happen to reach these things. However, they are mostly secular today.

Look at Chapter 3 now with me...

Verse 1...

Israel Will Return to God

3:1 Then the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman *who is* loved by a lover and is committing adultery, just like the love of the LORD for the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love *the* raisin cakes *of the pagans*."

By this time, Gomer had been cast off in disgrace from society because of her choices... and placed in a slave auction...

Hosea finds her again... and in verse 2...

2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen *shekels* of silver, and one and one-half homers of barley. **3** And I said to her, "You shall stay with me many days; you

shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a man — so, too, *will I be* toward you."

4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim. **5** Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.

Hosea finds her and buys her for half price here.

This will serve as a picture... The Jews will be in the land, without sacrifice, with what seems to be Temple worship...

They are going to abide for a very long time without a king...

And Israel was conquered by the Assyrians, taken captive, and scattered, and there was no more king over the people, even until today.

Even after the Babylonian Captivity and the Jews came back to the Land, there was still no king who reigned over them.

And from the time of Christ, for two thousand years, they have been without both king or sacrifice.

The Jews were scattered after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem in AD 70, and I want you to consider the marvelous promises of God and the fulfillment of prophecy.

There has been no other ethnic group of people that has maintained its ethnic character without having a national homeland.

Without that homeland, the ethnic groups within a few generations get absorbed into the new territory and the people they are living with.

They lose their identity.

When was the last time you met a Philistine... or an Amalekite?

But the Hebrews were scattered all over the world, and were able to maintain their national identity, in Asia, Africa, Europe, South and North America... and they are Jews...

Nothing like this in History...

Satan has tried to destroy the Jews as a people group many times throughout history... yet God's Word has preserved them against all odds.

God said these things would take place... and they will..

They will abide many days without sacrifice and without a king...

But afterward, the Children of Israel will return, and they will seek the Lord their God.

The first part of this has happened...

They have returned to the Land...

However, the second part is still yet to be fulfilled... in a day soon to come... the Jews will return to the Lord their God...

There is a coming revival among the Jewish people, a spiritual revival...

And they shall fear the Lord and His Goodness in the last days.

Today, God has a remnant among the Jews; always there is a remnant that believes... but one day, a full-blown move of the Spirit.

Today, the Spirit is working mainly among the Gentiles, and it is interesting... twice now, someone has sent me two different articles about Gen Z, those in their early 20s to 30s.

And it appears that a spiritual awakening is underway... A revival of some kind...

As Church attendance declines among the Boomers and older generations, the younger generation is experiencing something pretty remarkable.

There does seem to be a hunger in that age group... more and more of them seeking to know the truth and about our Lord.

That is really exciting... I know for me as a pastor... I want to be open to something like that...

We want to join in whatever the Lord is doing, wherever the Spirit is moving...

We don't want a dead Church... that is for sure...

It would be nice to see one last Revival in the Church, one more wave of people coming into the Kingdom of God before the Rapture...

When the Rapture takes place... God will turn His attention back to the Jews... and as the Prophet Hosea is seeing here, there will be a Revival there as well...

Revival comes when people are broken, when they can be honest with themselves and God, and when we can be real with each other.

When we are done playing religion and Church... and we allow ourselves to be vulnerable and open to whatever the Spirit would do in us...

If there is hope of Revival today... our hearts need to be humble and contrite before the Lord....

We need to remove those idols... the false gods we have allowed in our lives...

If you have drifted from Him, come back tonight...

Return to your first love, go back to those first things.
He is waiting, His Mercy is new every day...

Let's pray...