

The Boys of Summer

“God’s Broken Heart”

Hosea

Hosea was a man who wore his heart on his sleeve; and his book teaches us that sin not only breaks God’s law, it also breaks God’s heart. Forerunner to Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, Hosea prophesied when memories of Elijah and Elisha were still fresh in the land. Speaking primarily to Israel, he frames false religion as adultery and holds out hope for restoration to those who return to God in repentance.

1. Sin, Judgment, and Hope (1:1-2:1)

2. Bad Choice, No Choice, God’s Choice (2:2-3:5)

3. Loss of Faithful Love (4:1-6; 6:4-6)

4. Israel’s Corruption, God’s Lament (7:3-10; 13:4-9)

5. Repentance Brings Restoration (14:1-9)