

## SERMON NOTES

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**Date:** September 20, 2020

**Series:** Major on the Minor: Listening to the Twelve Prophets

**Title:** Hosea: God of the Unfaithful

**Big Idea:** God relentlessly pursues his unfaithful people.

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# APPLICATION GUIDE

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## DISCUSS

Read 2 Timothy 2:11-13. How can God be faithful even when we are not? What does this text say God's faithfulness is rooted in?

Why is God's love jealous? How does the waywardness of a spouse effect the reputation of the other?

Read Hosea 11:7-9. What do you see in God's character?

## APPLY THE TRUTH

How have you seen the Lord's faithfulness pursue you?

What are the five judgements God gives to Israel? Which wandering(s) do you identify with in your life?

Why is wandering from God appealing to you? Why is staying close to the Lord appealing to you?

How does God's heart for the unfaithful motivate you to return? How are you tempted to "clean yourself up" first?

Think of a time when you wandered from the Lord. Share with your group what it looked like and how the Lord brought you back to himself.

How are you tempted to minimize sin in your life?

## COMMIT THIS WEEK

Read Dane Ortlund's book *Gentle and Lowly*. Bask in the immense heart of Jesus Christ for wayward sinners.