

**Deuteronomy 7:6 (NIV)** For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

“Messengers of correction often fall on deaf ears during times of prosperity. It’s often during times of recession and depression that we are most ready to listen.” Randy Frazee

**Hosea 1:2 (NLT)** When the Lord first began speaking to Israel through Hosea, he said to him, “Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution. This will illustrate how Israel has acted like a prostitute by turning against the Lord and worshiping other gods.”

**Hosea 3:1 (MSG)** Then God ordered me, “Start all over: Love your wife again, your wife who’s in bed with her latest boyfriend, your cheating wife. Love her the way I, God, love the Israelite people, even as they flirt and party with every god that takes their fancy.”

If you think that God will never ask you to do something difficult, think again.

**Hosea 3:2 (NLT)** So I bought her back for fifteen pieces of silver and five bushels of barley and a measure of wine.

**John 8:34 (NLT)** Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin.”

**Hebrews 4:13 (NLT)** Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

**Hosea 4:1–2 (NIV)**<sup>1</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, you Israelites, because the Lord has a charge to bring against you who live in the land: “There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgment of God in the land. <sup>2</sup> There is only cursing, lying and murder, stealing and adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.”

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**Hosea 5:4 (NIV)** "Their deeds do not permit them to return to their God. A spirit of prostitution is in their heart; they do not acknowledge the Lord."

**Hosea 14:1–2 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup>Return, Israel, to the Lord your God. Your sins have been your downfall! <sup>2</sup>Take words with you and return to the Lord. Say to him: "Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips."

**2 Chronicles 36:16 (NKJV)** But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till *there was* no remedy.