



## Week 6

**Sermon Series: Surrendered: Ruth, Hosea, Titus, Philemon, Jonah**

**Sermon Title: The Ruin and Restoration Message of God**

**Sermon Text: Hosea 2**

**Study Handout Week of: September 30, 2018**

**Group Week of: October 7, 2018**

**Sermon Date: October 14, 2018**

**DOCTRINE: Humanity** – “We believe God created man in His own image, male and female, and that they enjoyed fellowship with Him in innocence. Man fell from this sinless state by voluntary transgression and was separated from God. In consequence all mankind are sinners by both birth and choice and are under just condemnation without defense or excuse.” Genesis 1:26-28; 3:1-6; Romans 1:18; 5:12-14. (West Side Church Articles of Faith)

**ATTRIBUTE OF GOD/JESUS: Faithfulness** - Faithfulness is one of the characteristics of God's ethical nature. It denotes the firmness or constancy of God in His relations with men, especially with His people. It is, accordingly, one aspect of God's truth and of His unchangeableness. God is true not only because He is really God in contrast to all that is not God, and because He realizes the idea of Godhead, but also because He is constant or faithful in keeping His promises, and therefore is worthy of trust (see TRUTH). God, likewise, is unchangeable in His ethical nature. This unchangeableness the Scripture often connects with God's goodness and mercy, and also with His constancy in reference to His covenant promises, and this is what the Old Testament means by the Faithfulness of God. (biblestudytools.com)

### **DAY 1 Read:** Hosea 2

1. What stands out to you in this chapter?
2. What changes in tone did you notice?
3. List any parallels with the attitudes people today have towards God?

### **DAY 2 Read:** Hosea 2:1-4

1. With Chapter 1 in mind, who is the Lord referring to in these verses?
2. What OTHER audience do you think is addressed, considering verse 1?
3. What is the tone of these verses? What will be the result when all this comes to pass?

### **DAY 3 Read:** Hosea 2:5-8; Luke 15:11-31

1. What is the response of the unfaithful wife?
2. How does she react in verse 7b after trying everything else? Compare it with the reaction of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:17-18.
3. What can we learn from the Lord's declaration in verse 8?

**DAY 4 Read Hosea 2:9-13**

1. List the aspects of the daily life of the adulterous people and how the judgment of God will affect them?
2. What parallels do you see with your own life? How does sin affect all aspects of our lives?
3. God's salvation in Christ saves us from his judgment. How do you live a life of confession and thanksgiving for His forgiveness?

**DAY 5 Read: Hosea 2:14-23; Romans 9:22-26; 1 Peter 2:4-10**

1. What is the tone of these verses? What do you think motivated the changes you observe?
2. To what do you think the expression "In that day" (v. 16, 18, 21) refers?
3. How are verses 21-23 related to 1:4, 6, 8-9?
4. What does this passage teach about the character of God and the character of us as human beings?
5. List practical applications of this passage and how you will put them into practice.