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*Hosea 2:7 ... Then she will say, "I will go back to my husband as at first, for then I was better off than now."*

■ *Hosea 2:14 "Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her."* ■

■ *Hosea 2:15 There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope....* ■

■ *Jeremiah 29:13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.* ■

■ *Hosea 2:13 ....There she will sing as in the days of he youth, as in the day she came up out of Egypt.* ■

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## Knowing God, Our Top Priority!

Connect: Seeking God With All Your Heart--part 2

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■ *John 17:3 This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent.* ■

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Maturity= trusting Christ in the presence of hardship and the absence of blessing, until the day when there will be a complete absence of hardship and the presence of every blessing the father can imagine!

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■ *1 Peter 5:10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.* ■

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*Hosea 2:1 "Say of your brothers, 'My people,' and of your sisters, 'My loved one.'<sup>2</sup> "Rebuke your mother, rebuke her, for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband. Let her remove the adulterous look from her face and the unfaithfulness from between her breasts.*

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*Hosea 2:3 Otherwise I will strip her naked and make her as bare as on the day she was born; I will make her like a desert, turn her into a parched land, and slay her with thirst.<sup>4</sup> I will not show my love to her children, because they are the children of adultery.*

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*Hosea 2:5 Their mother has been unfaithful and has conceived them in disgrace. She said, 'I will go after my lovers, who give me my food and my water, my wool and my linen, my oil and my drink.'*

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*Hosea 2:6 Therefore I will block her path with thornbushes; I will wall her in so that she cannot find her way.<sup>7</sup> She will chase after her lovers but not catch them; she will look for them but not find them...*

*Hosea 2:8 She has not acknowledged that I was the one who gave her the grain, the new wine and oil, who lavished on*

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*her the silver and gold-- which they used for Baal.*

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*Hosea 2:9 "Therefore I will take away my grain when it ripens and my new wine when it is ready. I will take back my wool and my linen, intended to cover her nakedness.<sup>10</sup> So now I will expose her lewdness before the eyes of her lovers; no one will take her out of my hands.<sup>11</sup> I will stop all her celebrations: her yearly festivals, her New Moons, her Sabbath days--all her appointed feasts.*

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*Hosea 2:12 I will ruin her vines and her fig trees, which she said were her pay from her lovers; I will make them a thicket, and wild animals will devour them.<sup>13</sup> I will punish her for the days she burned incense to the Baals; she decked herself with rings and jewelry, and went after her lovers, but me she forgot," declares the LORD.*

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*Jeremiah 2:5 This is what the LORD says: "What fault did your fathers find in me, that they strayed so far from me? They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves."*

*Hosea 2:14 "Therefore I am now going to allure her...."*

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