



HOSEA

The Relentless Pursuit | September 13, 2026

Hosea 2:14-20 | Despite Israel's unfaithfulness, God pursues her and, in this chapter, God explains that His pursuit is for the purpose of restoring our joy and devotion in our relationship with Him.

SERMON OUTLINE

1. **Dryness (for our attention) (Hosea 2:14)**
 - a. There are times when God will take us to the wilderness to get our attention.
 - b. Relevant Scripture: Hebrews 12:3-11.
2. **Deliverance (through our circumstances) (Hosea 2:15a)**
 - a. God will open a door of hope in the Valley of Achor. Why is this significant?
 - b. Relevant Scripture: Matthew 11:25-30.
3. **Delight (at being loved by God) (Hosea 2:15b)**
 - a. God promises that we will sing as in the days when we first walked with Him.
 - b. Relevant Scripture: Psalm 40:1-3.
4. **Devotion (to the Lord only) (Hosea 2:16-20)**
 - a. Your healing will be so complete that you will no longer feel the need to run to your lovers (your idols) but will instead lean completely into your status as the Lord's bride.
 - b. Relevant Scripture: Galatians 2:20.

APPLICATION

1. **Are you currently in the desert?** Stop despising your time in the wilderness and, instead, embrace it.
2. **Look for the door of hope in your "Valley of Achor"** – start leaning into the saying, "a setback is just a set up for a comeback."
3. **Shift your thinking about your relationship with Jesus** – stop thinking of it as a duty and think of it as a devotion.