

HOSEA

The Father's Heart | *November 1, 2026*

Hosea 11 | **Hosea reveals God's tender, parental love for Israel despite their rebellion. This sermon encourages the church to receive and reflect God's compassionate, redemptive love toward the lost.**

SERMON OUTLINE

The Father's Heart Reveals :

1. **Paternity is Secured (vv. Hosea 11:1, 3-4)**
    a. God has made it clear from the very beginning that he is our Father.
    b. Relevant Scripture: Exodus 4:22-23; Romans 8:15.
2. **Punishment is Inevitable (vv. Hosea 11:5-7)**
    a. God must punish us because He is holy and because He loves us.
    b. Relevant Scripture: Habakkuk 1:13a; Exodus 34:7b; Isaiah 59:2; Hebrews 12:5-11.
3. **Proclivity Toward Mercy (Hosea 11:8-11)**
    a. Because God is merciful and patient, He extends grace to us in the hopes that we will repent and seek Him.
    b. Relevant Scripture: Psalm 86:15; 103:8; Isaiah 30:18; 2 Peter 3:9.

APPLICATION

1. **Rest in Your Given Identity**
    - Stop living like an orphan trying to earn the right to belong. When failure, spiritual dry spells, or shame tell you that God has grown weary of you, preach the truth of your adoption to your own heart. Rest in the reality that you are a son or daughter of the King, secured by Christ's righteousness rather than your own track record.
2. **Welcome Loving Correction Instead of Resisting It**
    - Examine where you are feeling spiritual friction, conviction, or the weariness of self-reliance this week. Instead of hardening your heart, complaining, or looking for counterfeit comforts, recognize the Father's corrective hand. Confess the hidden idols pulling your attention away, and let His discipline steer your heart back into alignment with His will.
3. **Run Toward the Roar of Grace**
    - Do not run *from* God when you fall; run *to* Him. Bring your mess, your doubts, and your lingering fears to the foot of the Cross, knowing that His mercy is deeper than your wandering. Furthermore, extend that same scandalous, restoring grace to the wayward prodigals in your own family and community.