

Sermon Notes – August 23, 2026

Title: The Choice to Pursue

Series: Choices Along the Line #5

Bible Text: Hosea 1-3; Romans 5:8;

Ephesians 5:25-27

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Painful Questions

Does God really love me?

Has God given up on me?

Can I ever come back?

Have I gone too far this time?

Can God love someone like me?

Today's Message:

God's loving-kindness _____ unfaithful people
_____ the _____ to bring them home.

- Heseid is love that won't _____.
- Heseid is love that _____ when it would be easier to _____.

Hosea: A Living Parable of God's Heart

Names That Tell the Truth

- Jezreel = _____
- Lo-Ruhamah = _____
- Lo-Ammi = _____

Hosea 1:10 "...they will be called 'children of the living God.'

From Courtroom to Betrothal

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

God remains faithful to His promises even when His people are not.

The Price Paid to Bring Her Home

Hosea 3:2 "So I _____ her for fifteen shekels of silver..."

Romans 5:8 While we were still _____, Christ _____ for us.

Ephesians 5: Christ loved the church and _____
_____ up for her ...

Next Steps / Application

1. Take a costly step toward someone in need of pursuing loving-kindness.
2. Stop running from the One who pursues you with his love.

Key Bible Memory Verse

Romans 5:8 (NIV) "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."