

## Week #6 Notes

### Colossians 3:12-15 New International Version (NIV)

**12** Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **14** And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. **15** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

**Main Idea: Embrace the mystery of God's love for you and activate your love identity.**

### Hosea 11:1-2 New International Version (NIV)

"When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.  
**2** But the more they were called,  
the more they went away from me.  
They sacrificed to the Baals  
and they burned incense to images.

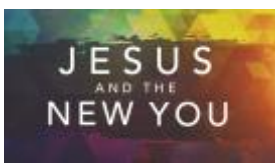
**By laying down my idols!**

### Exodus 20:3 New International Version (NIV)

**3** "You shall have no other gods before[a] me.

### Hosea 11:3-7 New International Version (NIV)

**3** It was I who taught Ephraim to walk,  
taking them by the arms;  
but they did not realize  
it was I who healed them.  
**4** I led them with cords of human kindness,  
with ties of love.  
To them I was like one who lifts  
a little child to the cheek,  
and I bent down to feed them.  
**5** "Will they not return to Egypt  
and will not Assyria rule over them  
because they refuse to repent?  
**6** A sword will flash in their cities;  
it will devour their false prophets  
and put an end to their plans.  
**7** My people are determined to turn from me.  
Even though they call me God Most High,  
I will by no means exalt them.



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### By building a blessed testimony !

#### Hosea 11:8-11 New International Version (NIV)

**8**“How can I give you up, Ephraim?

How can I hand you over, Israel?

How can I treat you like Admah?

How can I make you like Zeboyim?

My heart is changed within me;

all my compassion is aroused.

**9**I will not carry out my fierce anger,

nor will I devastate Ephraim again.

For I am God, and not a man—

the Holy One among you.

I will not come against their cities.

**10**They will follow the Lord;

he will roar like a lion.

When he roars,

his children will come trembling from the west.

**11**They will come from Egypt,

trembling like sparrows,

from Assyria, fluttering like doves.

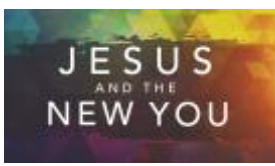
I will settle them in their homes,”

declares the Lord.

### By living with hope not despair!

#### 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 New International Version (NIV)

**17** For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. **18** So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.



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### Talk About It

**Ice Breaker:** Tell your most embarrassing childhood story...a good “What was I thinking?” moment!

1. **Read Hosea 11:1-2.** Discuss what you have in common with Israel. What are the “idols” in your life? How can you stop running from God? The message focused on the difference between love being what we do, versus who we are. Discuss what this means to you.
2. **Read Hosea 11:3-7.** What are some ways you have experienced the goodness of God in your life? How has God blessed you? Why is it important to have a mental list of these blessings?
3. **Read Hosea 11:8-11.** Let Hosea 11:8 sink in...What’s significant to you about that question, “How can I give up on you?” Have you ever had a season of life when you felt like God gave up on you? What changed? Discuss the implications of living with hope, not despair!