

STUDY NOTES – MAY 20, 2018

Sermon Series: “Turn Back”

Pastor Kris preaches from the *English Standard Version (ESV)*.
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Scripture: Hosea 6

Markers on the road to restoration:

1. Brokenness (V. 1)

Hosea 6:1 (ESV) — 1 “Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

Life lesson: Ask yourself these questions in times of brokenness:

1. What is the meaning behind this suffering?
2. Is there a sin that God is prying me loose from?
3. Are there issues of stubbornness in my character?
4. Have I been thinking too highly of myself?
5. Is this suffering to prune me so I can bear more fruit (John 15:2b), or to discipline for sin?
6. What is God preparing me for?

2. Initiation (Vs. 2-3)

Hosea 6:2–3 (ESV) — 2 After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. 3 Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”

- Life lesson: Never doubt that God is waiting with open arms if we’ll just turn to Him.

3. Authenticity (V. 6)

Hosea 6:6 (ESV) — 6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

- Life lesson: Don’t mistake religious rituals as restoration with God.

Ritual	Restoration
Emphasis on the external.	Emphasis on the internal.
Role playing	Authentic living
Obedience to duties	Obedience to God
Focus is on exalting self	Focus is on exalting God
Knowledge of rituals	Knowledge of God
Harshness toward others	Mercy toward others

S.A.L.T. Group

- Have someone read Sunday's passage: Hosea 6:1-6
 - What truths stand out to you?

- 1. What are some ways that God leads us into brokenness?
 - How do we sometimes interpret brokenness wrongly?
 - Share a time where God led you through suffering for His purposes?
- 2. Why is it difficult for us to initiate fellowship with God?
 - How can we know that God has drawn near to us when we have drawn near to him?
 - Is there a need for you to draw near to God right now?
 - How do you sense that you need to draw near to God?
- 3. What are some religious rituals that people follow in trying to be right with God?
 - Why do religious rituals often lead to role-playing?
 - Is there a place for rituals within church family life?
 - If so, what are some good rituals that assist in drawing us nearer to God?

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