

## “Love Unfailing”

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Hosea 1:2; 3:1-2; 4:10-11; 11:8 (ESV)

### LG STUDY

#### QUICK REVIEW:

Was there a particular point or passage of Scripture that challenged, confused, or caught your attention during this Sunday’s message?

#### MY STORY

1. What is the most dominant picture of GOD for you? For example, one might say, “To me, God is like a father who is impossible to please.” Where do you think that picture came from?
2. One way to define idolatry is anything or anyone in your life that competes with God for your attention. What are your idols?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Pastor KJ highlighted three different aspects of God’s love as found in the book of Hosea. They were: 1) Undeserving 2) Costly, and 3) Suffering. Of the three aspects of God’s love, which one resonates with you the most or is most significant to you? Please explain.
2. Read Romans 5:8. What aspects of God’s love does that passage highlight? Why do you think it is important that we remember this aspect of God’s love? In what situations would it be most helpful to remember this?
3. Each name of Hosea’s three children conveyed a certain meaning as it pertained to the state of God’s people during Hosea’s time. Read Hosea 1:4-9 and review each name. Of the three, which one would you say has the worst implication and why? Note: the first child’s name signifies the absence of kings to rule over them and thus suggests a chaotic life due to anarchy.

4. Aristotle once described God as the Unmoved Mover to convey the notion that God is not affected by His creation. However, nothing can be further from the truth. What we observe in the Bible is that God experiences a wide range of emotions in dealing with His people. Read Hosea 11:1-8. Which of God’s emotions do you observe in this passage? List some key words or phrases in a space below. Also, share how your findings from this passage affect the way you view and approach God.

5. Read Romans 5:20. According to that verse, what is the limit of God’s grace? What is the implication of it?
6. If it is true that God will not stop loving you despite the severity and the frequency of your sins, what would prevent you from abusing God’s grace and continue in your sins?

#### BRINING IT HOME

1. Take a moment to share how each person did in applying what you discussed at your last LG meeting.
  - Did you do what you said you were going to do?
  - If yes, how did it go? What was challenging for you?
  - If no, what kept you from it?
2. What areas of your life do you need to entrust to God? What idols do you need to break away from with God’s grace? How can people in your LG community help and support you? Please take a moment to pray for one another.
3. Please continue to share with your group what God has been teaching you through your Life Journal/Devotional.

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