

for the **Growing** Christian:

Read Hosea 11:1-4. God reminded the Israelites how He had worked in their past. Using Moses, God rescued Israel from actual slavery in Egypt. He guided them in the wilderness with the pillar of cloud & fire, providing water, manna, and quail for sustenance. He gave them victory over the Canaanites to claim the Promised Land. But as soon as they arrived, they forgot God, and enslaved themselves spiritually to false gods (Judges 3:7).

Read Matthew 6:9-13. The template for prayer that Jesus gives us protects us from forgetting God in our daily lives by allowing us to recognize: God's authority over our lives. Our dependence on Him for life/provision. The sins of which we have been forgiven and from which we have been set free. And, how to love others. Make this prayer your own each day!

Amazing Love Hosea 11 & 14

Weekly Affirmation:
**How I Live
Today Will Be a
Response to
God's Love**

for the **Mature** Christian:

Read Hosea 14. God had revealed His amazing love to the Israelites through the life and preaching of Hosea. Now He taught them how to respond in repentance. The people needed to confess to Him their mistakes - where they had gone off course and turned to the wrong sources of security and provision. Then, they needed to ask God for forgiveness and commit to never return to the wrong path again.

Repentance should be a regular part of the Christian walk as well. Not because we are afraid of losing salvation, that is settled for believers that have been immersed into Christ! Rather, when we recognize that we have turned from God's path, we should confess our sin before God and commit again to submission to Holy Spirit. Read Psalm 32 & James 4:7-10.

for **Children:**

Go outside on a sunny day and walk in the direction of the sun. Notice that if you are facing the sun you aren't able to see your shadow because it is behind you. Make some turns right and left and notice that you're able to see your shadow. So, if we see our shadow we know we aren't directly facing the sun any longer. It is similar in our "walk" with God. Read Hosea 14:9. As we read our Bibles, His "light" reveals the "shadows" in our life - how we aren't living the way He created us to live. This is when we need to repent - to turn back directly toward Him!

October 2024 Growth Goals

- ♡ Read the Books of Hosea & Joel.
- ♡ Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- ♡ Watch the Bible Project videos on the Books of Hosea & Joel (available on the website).
- ♡ Try a fast of any duration (8-24 hours). Replace your meal time with prayer and Bible reading (see Daniel with any questions).

*Weekly
Memory Verse:*

"For the ways of the Lord are right, And the righteous will walk in them, But wrongdoers will stumble in them."

Hosea 14:9