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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Hosea 4:10-19

Have you attended a recovery meeting with those who were battling an addiction? As you listen to their stories, you soon realize that once they began experimenting with certain behavior they could never "have enough" (v. 10). They keep returning to the evil in hopes of finding life?yet, it leads to death. The addictive force is so deceitful that it even "take[s] away their understanding" (v. 10), and they don't realize they are being destroyed.

As challenging and difficult the book of Hosea may be to understand, one thing is clear: no matter how grievous the sin or unfaithful the person, God keeps calling His children back. What would it look like to be a church who continued to call people back who have been "unfaithful to God" and now find themselves trapped in addiction?

More and more churches are opening their doors to recovery meetings. Christian counselors and pastors journey with people on very "broken roads" so that they can find healing and freedom in Christ Jesus. It is a weary journey to "call people back to Him" who are enslaved to addictions, but by the grace of God He will give us the strength to do so.

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