

Calling Those in Bondage

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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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