

Costly Redemption

NOTE GUIDE

SERIES GOAL

That together we would be invited to honestly examine our own hearts, recognize the idols and false hopes we are prone to trust, and grow more deeply thankful for the grace of God that redeems, restores, and leads us into fruitful life with Him.

THIS WEEK'S ANCHOR QUESTION

When our unfaithfulness leaves us bound, how does God’s relentless love reclaim and restore us?

SCRIPTURE

Hosea 3:1-5

DATE

9/27/26

SPEAKER

Pastor Chris Lenhart

Betrayal leaves us in Bondage (1-2a)

See also John 8:34, Romans 6:16-18, Genesis 3:1-24

God’s love bears the Cost (1b-2)

See also Exodus 6:6-7, 12:1-14:31, Mark 10:45, 1 Peter 1:18-19,

Redemption restores and reorders (3-5)

See also 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 2 Samuel 7:12-16, Luke 1:32-33

Return: To Our Redeemer and King

See also Psalm 46:1, Luke 19:10, Revelation 19:6-9, 21:1-5



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A guide for personal or family devotion time, or small group or ABF

Pray	Ask Jesus to guide your time. Pray through requests for family, church, community, career, friends, etc.
Focus	When our unfaithfulness leaves us bound, how does God’s relentless love reclaim and restore us?
Read	Hosea 3:1-5 (Read in 2 different versions)
Reflect or Discuss	1. “What begins as something we choose can begin making choices for us.” – <i>What have you repeatedly reached for that may now be exerting more influence over your decisions, emotions, or habits than you want to admit?</i> 2. “Redemption is free to Gomer, but it is not free to Hosea. He absorbs the cost required to restore her.” – <i>How does Hosea’s costly action deepen your understanding of the grace Jesus freely offers; and the price He paid to provide it?</i> 3. “Jesus is doing more than just forgiving what we have done. He is freeing us from what has mastered us, reconciling us to God, and bringing us under His good and gracious rule and reign.” – <i>Which aspect of Christ’s redeeming work; forgiveness, freedom, reconciliation or renewed allegiance, do you most need to receive today?</i> 4. “We are not repeatedly redeemed, but we are repeatedly called to return to our Redeemer.” – <i>If you already belong to Jesus, where is He inviting you to return through honest confession, repentance, and renewed trust?</i> 5. “The ‘many days’ are not payment added to redemption. They are the patient work of restoration, the time in which old loyalties lose their grip and faithful belonging is retrained.” – <i>What is one concrete area of your life that Jesus is patiently reordering because you belong to Him?</i>
Apply	Name the chain: identify one false refuge. What has it promised, and what has it actually produced? Receive the grace: Do you need to come to Jesus for the first time or return to Him after wandering? Embrace the reordering: Identify one boundary, confession, request for help, or act of obedience to practice this week.