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# LOVE: HOSEA

*<sup>3</sup>His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup>by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. <sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup>and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. <sup>8</sup>For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. <sup>11</sup>For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

2 Peter 1:3–11

## RECAP

- Series Resources—[nola.vcmvmt.com/becoming](http://nola.vcmvmt.com/becoming)
- Week 1: Who are you becoming?
- Rest of series: Virtues listed in 2 Peter 1:5–7
- Last 7 Weeks: Faith, Virtue, Knowledge, Self-control, Steadfastness, Godliness, & Brotherly

We become who God wants us to become when we love as God loves.

## WHAT IS LOVE?

*<sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make every effort to supplement...<sup>7</sup>and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.*

2 Peter 1:5a–7

### What is love?

- Agape—Unselfish, unconditional, and sacrificial love
- Love is a virtue, not an emotion

*Love is not only the last and greatest virtue; it is also the ‘glue’ that holds all the rest of them together, the quality without which all the others will be less than they should be.*

Douglas J. Moo, 2 Peter, Jude, 47

## THE EXAMPLE OF HOSEA’S LOVE

Hosea 1–3

### Hosea’s Story

*<sup>2</sup>When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, “Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD.” <sup>3</sup>So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.*

Hosea 1:2–3

*<sup>10</sup>Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it shall be said to them, “Children of the living God.”*

*<sup>11</sup>And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head. And they shall go up from the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel. <sup>1</sup>Say to your brothers, “You are my people,” and to your sisters, “You have received mercy.”*

Hosea 1:10–2:1

*<sup>1</sup>And the LORD said to me, “Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins.”*

Hosea 3:1

*<sup>2</sup>So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. <sup>3</sup>And I said to her, “You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you.” <sup>4</sup>For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. <sup>5</sup>Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.*

Hosea 3:2–5

### What can we learn from Hosea’s love?

- Our love should be selfless
  - Love is never first about me.

- You'll never be able to love truly if you're only and always thinking about yourself.
- Our love should be sacrificial
  - Are you willing to love if it costs you something?
- God's love is the standard of our love

*God's "Covenant Love" (Hesed)—"A Never Stopping, Never Giving up, Unbreaking, Always and Forever Love.*

Sally Lloyd-Jones, *The Jesus Storybook Bible*

- The example of Hosea's love is really the example of God's love.

## THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS' LOVE

<sup>25</sup>*Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,*  
Ephesians 5:25

- Jesus not only modeled love; he enables love.

<sup>8</sup>*Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* <sup>10</sup>*Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.*

Romans 13:8–10

- Jesus enables us to love everyone; Everyone is our neighbor.
- Because of Jesus, we not only know what true love looks like; we know where true love is found.

## QUESTIONS FOR PRAYERFUL REFLECTION THIS WEEK

- Reflect on God's love for you. How have you experienced God's love?
- What might be holding you back from loving others like God loves?
- Who is God specifically calling you to love and how is God specifically calling you to love them?

- How do you need to rely on the Holy Spirit to better love others?

Who are you becoming? Are you becoming loving?