

The Jesus Trip

A *365* DAY JOURNEY OF FINDING HIM FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION

“...Canada and the Canadian church is going to rise up once again and go to the four corners of the world and bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to pave the way for His second coming.” **CHO**



A preferred future for individuals

Romans 8:29-30 MSG

“...The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him.”



For the church:

Isaiah 2:2

“The mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains , and it shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.”

For the whole world:

Habakuk 2:14

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”



For Israel in Hosea's day:

Hosea 14:5-7

“Israel will blossom like the lily...its branches will spread out...They will flourish like grain and blossom like grapevines. They will be as fragrant as the wines of Lebanon.”



But...

Hosea 4:2-3 *“You make vows and break them; you kill and steal and commit adultery. There is violence everywhere...”*

Hosea 4:12-13 *“They have played the prostitute, serving other gods and deserting their God.”*



God's predicament:

How to get them from where they were to his preferred future for them.

How to move us, the church, the city, the region, our nation towards His preferred future?



God's solution:
He sent a word.

**2 distinct characteristics of the transforming, launching word
the turns things around, that
moves us toward that future.**



1. It's an embodied word. It's a word made flesh.

Hosea 1:1-2

“The Lord gave this message to Hosea son of Beeri... go and marry a prostitute.”



Hosea 3:1

*“Go and love your wife again, even though she commits adultery with another lover. **This will illustrate** that the Lord still loves Israel, even though the people have turned to other gods to love and to worship them.”*



God's supreme revelation:

Hebrews 1:1-3

*“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets has in these last days spoken to us **by His Son**...who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of his person...”*



**Don't isolate - be open to people
and connected in the body of
Christ.**

**Embrace the challenges and
priorities of being and living a
message, not just saying one.**



2. It's a loving, grace-filled, affectionate word.

Discipline, threats & judgement?

Hosea 8:7

“They have planted the wind and will harvest the whirlwind.”



Hosea 8:4

“... by making idols for themselves... they have brought about their own destruction.”

Hosea 5:7

“Now their false religion will devour them along with their wealth.”



Hosea 2:14-15

“But then I will win [allure] her back once again, I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her [to her heart]...She will give herself to me there...”



The wilderness is a place where he speaks tenderly to you, he speaks to your heart.

He speaks into your life in a way only he can. It's individual, it's personal.

It's where in the presence of love, you awaken to the reality of what he has made you, and done in you.



Hosea looked ahead:

Hosea 14:4

*“I **will** heal you of your faithlessness and my love **will** know no bounds.”*

Hosea 2:23

*I **will** show love to those I called not loved, and to those I called not my people, I **will** say you are now my people.”*



Now we hear him say:

*“By my stripes you **are** healed,
you **are** complete in me, you
are mine, and my desire **is** for
YOU.”*



God has a preferred future for us all. He gets us there by:

1. His Word made flesh,

2. A tender word of grace and affection spoken to your heart.



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