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**The Problem with Idols**

Hosea 9:10-17

**Understanding God’s Heart**

(Verse 10)

1. His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**THE POINT →** God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and how we relate to him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his heart.

**The Results of Breaking God’s Heart**

(Verses 11-17)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lives.
2. A broken \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God.

**THE POINT →** Idols will always offer temporary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but at a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**What We Need to Remember**

God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is greater than our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but our faithfulness \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his heart.

**Pursuing Faithfulness Today**

1. This world will always have things \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in your heart.

**ASK YOURSELF →** What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is trying to take over my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lately?

1. Faithfulness isn’t about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; it’s about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

**ASK YOURSELF →** How can I walk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus?

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**Understanding God’s Heart**

(Verse 10)

1. His **JOY**.
2. His **HEARTACHE**.

**THE POINT →** God is **RELATIONAL**, and how we relate to him **IMPACTS** his heart.

**The Results of Breaking God’s Heart**

(Verses 11-17)

1. **FRUITLESS** lives.
2. A broken **RELATIONSHIP** with God.

**THE POINT →** Idols will always offer temporary **SATISFACTION**, but at a **COST**.

**What We Need to Remember**

God’s **MERCY** is greater than our **UNFAITHFULNESS**, but our faithfulness **DELIGHTS** his heart.

**Pursuing Faithfulness Today**

1. This world will always have things **COMPETING** against **GOD** in your heart.

**ASK YOURSELF →** What **IDOL** is trying to take over my **HEART** lately?

1. Faithfulness isn’t about **PERFECTION**; it’s about **ABIDING** in Christ.

**ASK YOURSELF →** How can I walk **CLOSER** with Jesus?

**For Further Study**

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**Getting Started**

1. What are some relationships, activities, or things that bring joy to your heart? Why do you find joy in them?

**Digging Deeper**

1. Look back to verse 10 of this week’s text. How is God’s delight in his redeemed people described? What does this teach you about God?
2. Looking at the same verse, what did God’s people do to cause a change in God’s heart? Why do you think God’s heart was impacted so immensely?
3. In the rest of Sunday’s text, we saw two results of breaking God’s heart: fruitless lives and a broken relationship with God. In what ways do you see these two effects today’s culture? In the modern church?
4. Read John 15:1-6. What difference does it make when you choose to abide in Christ?

**Driving It Home**

1. Take a moment to consider the two questions Marttell presented on Sunday:
	* What idol is trying to take over your heart lately?
	* What steps can you take to turn away from that idol and walk closer with Jesus this week?