

Experiencing God:
God Pursues A Loving
Relationship
Exodus 3:1-15

sermon
NOTES

14 “Therefore, behold, I will allure her,
and bring her into the wilderness,
and speak tenderly to her.
15 And there I will give her her vineyards
and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope.
And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth,
as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.
16 “And in that day, declares the Lord, you will call me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer
will you call me ‘My Baal.’ 17 For I will remove the names of the Baals from her
mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more. 18 And I will make for
them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens,
and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and
war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety. 19 And I will betroth you to
me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love
and in mercy. 20 I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord.
21 “And in that day I will answer, declares the Lord,
I will answer the heavens,
and they shall answer the earth,
22 and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and they shall answer Jezreel,
23 and I will sow her for myself in the land.
And I will have mercy on No Mercy,
and I will say to Not My People, ‘You are my people’;
and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’”

God did not create us merely to accomplish tasks for Him. God created us for
a loving relationship with Him.
Hosea 1:2, “Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom.”

4 Truths About God’s Loving Relationship with Us

1. God’s love is _____ enough that He’s willing to be wounded.
2. God’s response to our wandering is to _____ us.
Hosea 2:14, “Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness,
and speak tenderly to her.”

God is not pretending sin doesn’t matter. But _____ is not
God’s ultimate goal. _____ is.
Vs. 15, “And there I will give her her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor
a door of hope.”

3. God does not merely want us back from our wandering; He wants our
_____.
Vs. 16, “And in that day, declares the LORD, you will call me ‘My Husband,’ and no
longer will you call me ‘My Baal.’”
Matthew 22:37, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your mind.”
John 14:15, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”
Vs. 19–20, “And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in
righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me
in faithfulness.”

4. God’s pursuing love ultimately leads us to _____.
Hosea 3:1, “Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an
adulteress...”
1 Peter 1:18, “You were ransomed...not with perishable things such as silver or gold,
but with the precious blood of Christ.”
Hosea 2:23, “And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People,
‘You are my people’; and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’”



8:00am
worship service
September 6, 2026

Prelude		
Welcome & Announcements		
Sharing of the Peace		
Opening Hymn	“Thy Strong Word” vs. 1, 3 & 5	LSB 578
Invocation		
Confession & Absolution	Divine Service 3	LSB 184-185
Hymn of Praise	“Thy Strong Word” vs. 6	LSB 578
Scripture	Old Testament: Hosea 2:14-23 New Testament: Romans 13:1-10	
Concordia University Handbell Choir		
Scripture	Gospel: Matthew 18:10-14	
Nicene Creed		
Offering		
Offering Music Concordia University Handbell Choir		
Sermon	Experiencing God - God Pursues A Loving Relationship - Pastor Drew Ross	
Responsive Hymn	“Oh That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”	LSB 707
Prayers of the Church	Lead Elder: Brian Smith	
The Lord’s Prayer		
Words of Institution		
Communion Distribution		
Distribution Hymn	“Agnus Dei”	LSB 198
Concordia University Handbell Choir		
Distribution Hymn	“Father Welcomes”	LSB 605
Benediction		
Closing Hymn	“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”	LSB 632
Sending		
Postlude		
The flowers that grace our Altar today are given to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by Rob and Lesley Harper in celebration of their 27th Wedding Anniversary.		



10:30am
worship service
September 6, 2026

Welcome & Announcements		
Invocation		
Apostles’ Creed		
Sharing of the Peace		
Worship		
“Unfailing Love” “Relentless”		
Confession & Absolution		
Worship		
“Dancing On the Waves”		
Scripture		
Old Testament: Hosea 2:14-23 Gospel: Matthew 18:10-14		
Offering		
Dismiss kids to KidsChurch		
Worship		
“First Love”		
Sermon		
Experiencing God - God Pursues A Loving Relationship - Pastor Drew Ross		
Prayers of the Church		
Lead Elder: Dan Stuewe		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Benediction		
Worship		
“Child of Love”		
Sending		
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9:30am
HB worship service
September 6, 2026

Prelude		
Welcome & Announcements		
Opening Hymn		
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” vs. 1, 2 & 4		
Invocation		
Confession & Absolution		
Divine Service 4		
Scripture		
Old Testament: Hosea 2:14-23 New Testament: Romans 13:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 18:10-14		
Nicene Creed		
Offering		
Hymn		
“Lord Jesus Think On Me”		
Sermon		
Experiencing God - God Pursues A Loving Relationship - Pastor Drew Ross		
Responsive Video		
Prayers of the Church		
Service of the Sacrament		
Preface		
Hymn		
“Holy God We Praise Thy Name” vs. 1		
Service of the Sacrament		
Prayer of Thanksgiving, The Lord’s Prayer, Words of institution, Pax Domini Agnus Dei		
Organ Presentation		
Post Communion Blessing & Benediction		
Closing Hymn		
“Oh That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” vs. 1 & 4		
Sending		
Postlude		