

Sermon Notes-January 3, 2021

“Welcome Home ”

Hosea 14:1-9

Mistaken predictions

What we said this time last year

Is there a word from the Lord as we begin this year? Yes – from Hosea.

Hosea: the prodigal people and the prodigal wife

- Hosea lived in 8th century BC
- Israel enjoyed apparent success and security
- Hosea is told to do the unimaginable
 - ◊ Old Testament prophets sometimes told to do strange, difficult, and shameful things
 - ◊ Hosea is called to marry a prostitute
 - ◊ Hosea shows unimaginable faithfulness
 - ◊ God shows unimaginable faithfulness – God wants us home

Story of Raymond Johnson

Hosea 14 – God’s “loyal love” that brings us home

- What we must do
 - ◊ Confess (Hosea 14:2)
 - ◊ Repent (Hosea 14:3)
 - ◊ Are we just playing a “religious game”?
- What God will do
 - ◊ Love us freely (Hosea 14:4)
 - ◆ God’s lavish love
 - ◆ God’s love in Christ on the cross
 - ◆ “Amor, ergo sum”

Dave Roever – “Welcome home, Davey”

