

Dealing With Rebellion (Hosea 11)

A Rebel Is Someone Who Is Unable or Unwilling to Love - I Jo 4:8; Mk 12:28-31

- Rebels become self-absorbed - Hos 2:5; 10:1
- Rebels have belief problems...
 - ...life is about my own private, personal pursuit of happiness
 - ...I can decide for myself what is good or bad for me
 - ...I can take better care of myself than God

Expressions of Rebellion: II Tim 3:2-5

- Heated defiance: the prodigal son
- Cold-hearted compliance: the elder brother; Pharisees
- Feigned inability: "I Can't"
- Neglect: "I forgot"

Rebellion Calls for Intervention - Hos 13:9

- God takes action to motivate a rebel to become a lover
- The all important issue is our relationship with Him - Hos 2:8; 4:6; 6:6; 14:8
- All of His action is loving - Hos 11:8-9

God Will Warn a Careless Heart - Ps 19:7-11; Deut 32:45-46

- Through the Scriptures - Ps 19:7-11
- Through those who love us - Deut 32:45-46
- Through the loss of peace/joy
- Through a circumstantial "roar" - Hos 11:10
- He warns us of the law of the harvest - Ga 6:7-10

God Will Wound a Calloused/Closed Heart - II Kgs 17:13-15; Hos 5:14-15

- He wounds in order to heal - Prov 20:30; 27:5-6
- We experience a death - Ro 6:23

God Will Warm the Crushed Heart - Ps 32; 51

- We are broken and humbled before God and others
- We repent and turn to Him
- He will embrace us; give us gifts; celebrate over us - Lk 15:11-32; Zeph 3:17

The Rebel Is Transformed into a Lover - Ro 8:28-29