



Love Jesus, Love Seattle
Dear Seattle, Jesus Loves You
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Hosea 6:6 NIV
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THE BIG IDEA: Jesus values our relationship with Him more than anything else we do. His love is relentless.

TWO WAYS HOSEA DEMONSTRATES JESUS' LOVE:

I. HE RELENTLESSLY PURSUES.

- "Go and marry a prostitute..." - God, Hosea 1:2a NLT
- "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..." - Hosea 3:1 NLT
- God demonstrates his own LOVE for us in this: WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, Christ died for us. - Romans 5:8 NIV
- "GREATER LOVE has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." - Jesus, John 15:13 NIV
- "I will betroth you to me FOREVER; I will betroth you in RIGHT-EOUSNESS and JUSTICE, in LOVE and COMPASSION. I will betroth you in FAITHFULNESS, and you will acknowledge the LORD."
- God, Hosea 2:19-20 NIV
- "YES, I HAVE LOVED YOU with an EVERLASTING LOVE."
- God, Jeremiah 31:3a NKJV

What does it mean to be embraced by Jesus' love?

II. HE REDEEMS AND SETS FREE.

You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." - Stephen, age 5

- So I BOUGHT HER [Gomer] ... - Hosea 3:2a NIV
- "I WILL RANSOM them from the power of the grave; I WILL REDEEM them from death. Where, O death, are your plagues? Where, O grave, is your destruction?" - Hosea 13:14 NIV

- "I am the LORD your God, WHO BROUGHT YOU OUT OF EGYPT."
- Hosea 13:4a NIV
- "I will heal their waywardness and LOVE THEM FREELY..."
- Hosea 14:4a NIV
- ... He will REVIVE us...He will RESTORE us, THAT WE MAY LIVE IN HIS PRESENCE. - Hosea 6:2 NIV
What do I do with the love that has set me free?
Give. It. Away
Nearly one in four 18-35-year-olds acknowledges feelings of loneliness and isolation."
- Barna Group, Inc.
- BE imitators of God, therefore, as DEARLY LOVED CHILDREN and LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE. - Ephesians 5:1-2 NIV
"The excuse of 'tomorrow' expired yesterday."
- Hal Donaldson, Convoy of Hope
- "IF YOU LOVE each other, everyone will know that you are my disciples."
- Jesus, John 13:35 CEV
Could it be Jesus sent you to Seattle to show His love?
Showing Love 101:
1) BE FORGIVING.
2) BE KIND.
- "I DESIRE MERCY, not sacrifice, and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GOD rather than burnt offerings." - Hosea 6:6 NIV
Mercy *חַסְדִּים* *cheṣed*: goodness, kindness, faithfulness, loyal love.
Acknowledgment *דַּעַת* *da'ath*: to know head vs. heart
Is Jesus first place in my life?
- If you want to live well, make sure you understand all of this. If you know what's good for you, you'll learn this inside and out. GOD'S PATHS GET YOU WHERE YOU WANT TO GO. - Hosea 14:9a MSG