

***Come And***

***Return***

***To The***

***LORD***

***Hosea 6:1-2***

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**1 Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.**

**2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.**

# Introduction

**A. Hosea calls his people to return to the Lord**

**B. This is a call to personal and national revival**

**C. We need a call to revival today**

**Psalm 85:6**

**Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice  
in thee?**

# Introduction

**D. Problem is some do not recognize the need**

**Revelation 3:1-3**

**3 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.**

**2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.**

**3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.**

# **I. An Invitation To Those Who Have Known The Closeness Of The Lord**

**A. “Come, let us return”**

**B. Do you remember a better day?**

**C. These believers had left their first love for the Lord  
Revelation 2:4-5**

**4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because  
thou hast left thy first love.**

**5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and  
repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto  
thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his  
place, except thou repent**

## **II. An Invitation To Those Who Have Felt The Chastening Of The Lord**

**A. “He hath torn ... He has smitten”**

**B. He chastens those He loves**

**Hebrews 12:5-6**

**5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:**

**6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.**

## **II. An Invitation To Those Who Have Felt The Chastening Of The Lord**

**C. Sin had become a way of life for this people**

**Hosea 4:1-2**

**1 Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.**

**2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.**

## **II. An Invitation To Those Who Have Felt The Chastening Of The Lord**

**D. Are you toying with temptation?**

**Romans 6:16**

**Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?**

**E. Return to the Lord**

**Hosea 14:2**

**Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.**



### **III. An Invitation To Backsliders To Come Back To The Lord**

**A. “Come ... He will heal us ... He will bind us up”**

**B. God loves us in spite of our backsliding**

**Isaiah 1:16-18**

**16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;**

**17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.**

**18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.**

# **III. An Invitation To Backsliders To Come Back To The Lord**

**C. Return to the Lord while you have time to respond  
Jeremiah 3:22**

**Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your  
backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art  
the LORD our God.**

**Return To The Lord Today!!**