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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 24.....Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

Dec. 28.....Joksch Family Send Off Celebration

Feb. 27- Mar. 1.....Youth Winter Camp

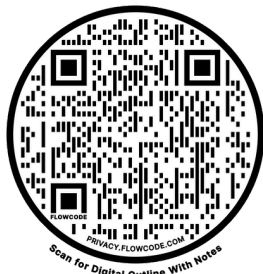
Feb. 28 - Mar. 8..... Belize Missions Trip

Jan. 10.....Men's Breakfast

Apr. 10-12.....Women's Retreat 2026

Jun. 5-19.....Zimbabwe Missions Trip

Jun. 14-20.....Hume Lake High School



December 21, 2025

Pastor Scott Mathews

# Advent

*Hope | Peace | Joy | Love*

## Love Them Freely

-Hosea 14:4

### God's Love for Israel

**11** "When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.

**2** But the more they were called,  
the more they went away from me.  
They sacrificed to the Baals  
and they burned incense to images.

**3** It was I who taught Ephraim to walk,  
taking them by the arms;  
but they did not realize  
it was I who healed them.

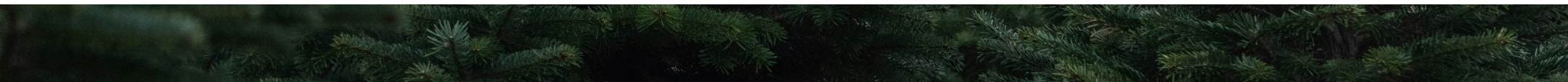
**4** I led them with cords of human kindness,  
with ties of love.

To them I was like one who lifts  
a little child to the cheek,  
and I bent down to feed them.

**5** "Will they not return to Egypt  
and will not Assyria rule over them  
because they refuse to repent?

**6** A sword will flash in their cities;  
it will devour their false prophets  
and put an end to their plans.

**7** My people are determined to turn from me.  
Even though they call me God Most High,  
I will by no means exalt them.



8 “How can I give you up, Ephraim?  
How can I hand you over, Israel?  
How can I treat you like Admah?  
How can I make you like Zeboyim?  
**My heart is changed** within me;  
all **my compassion is aroused**. **Hosea 11:1–8 (NIV)**

4 “I will heal their waywardness  
and **love them freely**,  
for my anger has turned away from them. **Hosea 14:4 (NIV)**

## APPLICATION

1. \_\_\_\_\_

**11** Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. **12** There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor? **James 4:11–12 (NIV)**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

**10** While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. **11** When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” **12** On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. **13** But go and learn what this means: **‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’** For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” **Matthew 9:10–13; Hosea 6:6 (NIV)**

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