

New Song News

Psalm 30:1–5 (ESV) ¹I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. ²O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. ³O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. ⁴Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. ⁵For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Philippians 2:5–11 ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Today

- ✓ First-time guests, fill out a blue Welcome Card & drop it in the offering plate. We invite you to take one of Pastor Herb's books as a welcome gift
- ✓ **This week's Bible Recap readings:** The Bible Recap: Read days 208-213. Chronological Guide read: p. 107 (top and bottom right), 108 and 109 (top)

This Week

- ✓ Wednesday, 10am, Women's Bible Study, see Nancy Seman for info.
- ✓ Thursday, 7pm, Learning Community in person and via Zoom
- ✓ Friday, 10am, Women's Bible Study, see Ginger Rogers for info
- ✓ Friday, 1pm, Learning Community in person and via Zoom
- ✓ Sunday, 9am, Learning Community.

Looking Ahead

- ✓ August 8, Dorcas/ Barnabas Saturday Servants, 11a-1p. ALL invited
- ✓ August 15, Monthly Men's Study, 8-9:30am
- ✓ Volunteers needed to clean the building monthly...
- ✓ **Recycle your aluminum cans** – Proceeds support Children of Promise. Bring them to H.Q. & put them in the wooden enclosure to the left of the front door.
- ✓ Submit Prayer Requests: email or text newsongpittsburgh@gmail.com
- ✓ New Song FB Live: <https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh>
- ✓ Sunday sermons, outlines & other studies can be found on New Song YouTube Channel & Spotify. Use the QR code to access



Gen. Offering		Budget	Family Assistance		Children of Promise		Building Fund	
7/19/2026	\$ 2,957.00	\$ 4,106.88	7/19/2026	\$ 10.00	7/19/2026	\$ 20.00	7/19/2026	\$ 200.00
To Date	\$ 133,920.96	\$ 119,099.65	Balance:	\$ 2,894.97	Month Total	\$ 90.00	To Date	\$ 1,650.00

Please print name and amount on offering envelope to receive credit.

New Song Notes

Pastor Herb Shaffer

God's Pursuing Love

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The Bible Recap Study, week 30

Ephesians 2:4–6 ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus **Ephesians 2:4–6 (ESV)**

How God really feels and deals with us revealed in Hosea

The Prophet – Hosea is a living parable followed by verbal explanation.

First of the minor prophets, he provides God's message in the tone of a loving Father during Israel's final decades

The Situation

- ✓ The most turbulent time in Israel's history, just prior to captivity.
 - ✓ The evil, unstoppable Assyrian empire is a constant threat externally, while Israel is deteriorating morally and politically.
 - ✓ God's Message through Hosea over 30-50 years:
- **Turn back to Me I don't want to be angry!**
- I love you. You have left Me. Return to Me in a love relationship. Refuse Me and I will punish you for correction.

1. Symbolism: God covenants with Israel – good start goes bad.

➔ Hosea's marriage: Israel's unfaithfulness, 1-3a
Hosea 1:1-3a (ESV) (pew Bible page 751/ Bible Recap page 1091)

➔ Hosea's children: Israel's judgment, 1:3b-9
Hosea 1:3b-9 (ESV)

○ ➔ God's faithfulness in spite of Israel's rebellion, 1:10-2:1
Hosea 1:10-2:1 (ESV)

2. Symbolism: Plea for Israel to return as a wife to a husband

➔ The Lord's punishment of Israel, 2:2–13
Hosea 2:2-13 (ESV)

➔ The Lord's restoration of Israel, 2:14–23
Hosea 2:14-23 (ESV)

3. Symbolism: as Hosea redeems, God offers to redeem Israel

† Hosea redeems Gomer at God's command, 3:1-2
Hosea 3:1-2 (ESV)

† Hosea's conditions of repentance, 3:3
Hosea 3:3 (ESV)

† Living parable explained, 3:4–5
Hosea 3:4-5 (ESV)

4. God's offer: the relationship we and God long for.

† What returning to God looks like, 14:1-3
Hosea 14:1-3 (ESV) (pew Bible page 759/ Bible Recap page 1107)

† What God's promises of real life looks like, 14:4-9
Hosea 14:4-9 (ESV) (pew Bible page 759/ Bible Recap page 1107)

What do we do with this?

- ☒ What stuck out to you?
- ☒ What is God saying about what stuck out?
- ☒ What do you need to do in response?



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Matthew 20:28 (ESV) “even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”