

# A Father's Love

Vintage Christmas  
Hosea 11:1-4

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From where has God called you?

1. God called Israel out of Egypt.

God **rescued** Israel through Exodus.

God **called** Israel to be a nation of priests.

God **loved** Israel as **his** people and gave them rules and covenants to guide and guard them.

2. God continued to love Israel through her sin.

Israel **regularly** sinned, but God loved them **anyway**.

Israel did **not** take God's love to the world.

3. Jesus is the better Israel.

Jesus **never** sinned.

Jesus was the conduit for God's **love** that Israel **failed** to be.

Jesus came out of Egypt to **rescue** you from your sin.



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# Discussion Questions

These questions provide a framework for individual or family study and for discussions in LifeGroup.

1. On Sunday, Pastor Craig spoke about how God called Israel, and eventually Jesus, out of Egypt. From where has God called you?
2. Hosea is a challenging book to read because it includes graphic portrayals of infidelity. But, it also shows God's faithfulness. How does this story of adultery and forgiveness help you to understand God's grace toward you?
3. Read Exodus 19:6. What sort of kingdom did God call Israel to be? How did Israel fail? How does the Great Commission urge the church to be the kingdom Israel failed to become?
4. Read Hosea 11:1-4. In these verses, the name Ephraim represents the people of Israel. How did God respond to Israel when they sinned? How does God's kindness in these verses impact the way you understand God's attitude toward you and others who are trapped in sin?
5. Read Hebrews 13:8. How does God's faithfulness in the past (both in the Bible, and in history), give you confidence to trust him in the future? How do testimonies from others help to strengthen your faith?
6. God continued to love Israel, even when they were disobedient. Share a time when God continued to love you when you were living in disobedience? How have you seen the church extend love to people living in sin?
7. Read and memorize 1 John 3:1. What does it mean to you to know that you are a child of God?