

Weekly Devotional

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Session 15 – God’s Messengers

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

God loves us—even in our extreme unfaithfulness. And he wants us to come back home, even though we have abandoned him. But much like a call on your cell phone, you can hit the “accept” button or the “reject” button. You have the power to send God to voicemail and make him wait. Or you can answer his call today. The people of Israel had 208 years to pick up and they never did. The network is clear. The message is reliable. Can you hear him now?

Read Ch. 15 in The Story book or in your Bible (you will be reading from 4 books of the Bible:
1 Kings 17:1-6; 18:1-2,17-46; 19:1-21; 2 Kings 2:1-2,7-15; 4:11-17; 27-37; 6:8-23;
Amos 1:1-2a; 3:1-2,9-11; 4:2,3,6,10,12; 5:6a,14,15; 9:8; Hosea 4:1-2; 5:4,7,14-15; 8:13b-14; 9:7; 14:1-2.

Think on these questions:

1. What do these passages tell us about GOD? (Who is God? What is God like? What has God done?)
2. What do these passages tell us about US (Human Beings)? (What/how are we supposed to be? What has gone wrong?)
3. What do these passages tell us about HOW WE SHOULD LIVE? (What has God done about what has gone wrong? What does He expect of us? How should we live?)

Closing Prayer:

As you take time to pray, here are some ideas to get you started:

- *Ask God to open your eyes so that you can see what is happening in the Upper Story. This can be very encouraging!*
- *Thank God for his loving discipline and relentless pursuit of a healthy relationship with you.*

Personal Action:

God is calling. Don't put him into voicemail. This week sit quietly in prayer and listen to God, a journal or blank piece of paper and pen in hand. Ask God a few simple, pointed questions and write down any words he places on your heart. Here's a few questions to get you started:

- What have you done to show your love and patience with me? (Thank him.)
- What are the behaviors and attitudes in my life that are not honoring to you? (Commit to change.)
- How can I listen more closely to your Word (the Bible) and other ways you speak to me? (Seek to follow his leading...even when it is hard.)

Next Session: Please read ch 16 of The Story, “God’s Messengers.”