

SERMON NOTES: ----- Pastor Jack Bracy

Messages from the Minor Prophets

You May be Down, But You're Not Out

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"My people are hell-bent on leaving me. They pray to god Baal for help. He doesn't lift a finger to help them. But how can I give up on you... turn you loose ... leave you to be ruined...? I can't bear to even think such thoughts. My insides churn in protest. And so I'm not going to act on my anger.... why? **Because I am God and not a human.** I'm The Holy One and I'm here—in your very midst." 11:7-9 MSG

Cast of Characters:

Hosea:

Gomer:

Jezreel:

Lo-ruhamah:

Lo-ammi:

All It Takes Is _____

"She forgot Me" 2:13 NASB

"I took care of you, took care of all your needs... **You thought you didn't need me.** You forgot me." 13:6 MSG

"Their deeds do not permit them to return to their God. A spirit of prostitution is in their heart; **they do not acknowledge the Lord.**" 5:4 NIV

"Yet I hold this against you: **You have forsaken your first love.** Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first." Revelation 2:4-5 NIV

God _____

"I long to redeem them" 7:13 NIV

"My heart is turned over within Me, All My compassions are kindled." 11:8 NASB

"I write out my revelation for them in detail and they pretend they can't read it." 8:12 MSG

The Evidence of Love: _____

"The people I love, I call to account—prod and correct and guide so that they'll live at their best. Up on your feet, then! About face! Run after God!" Revelation 3:19 MSG

"I will change their glory into **shame**... I will punish them for their ways and repay them for their deeds." 4:7-9 NASB

"I will go away and return to My place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face; In their **affliction** they will earnestly seek Me." 5:15 NASB

God Promises _____

"Go again, **love a woman who is loved by her husband**, yet an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the sons of Israel ... So I bought her for myself ... It cost me the price of a slave." 3:1-2 NASB/MSG

"In that day **I will also make a covenant** for them ... I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice, In lovingkindness and in compassion, And I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. Then you will know the Lord." 2:18-20 NASB

"**Come back!** Return to your God! **You're down but you're not out.** Prepare your confession and come back to God. Pray to him, "Take away our sin, accept our confession. Receive as restitution our repentant prayers. ... You're our last hope. Is it not true that in you the orphan finds mercy?" "I will heal their waywardness. I will love them lavishly. My anger is played out. **I will make a fresh start** with Israel." 14:1-5 MSG