

Grace for Getting Back in the Race

Lesson Two • Hosea 12-13

Runners Backsliding, God Helping

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We are bent on BACKSLIDING from God,
but God is relentless in LOVING us no matter what.

*My people are bent on backsliding from Me. Though they call to the Most High,
none at all exalt Him. Hosea 11:7 NKJV*

*I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, for My anger has turned away from him.
Hosea 14:4 NKJV*

Is There Any Help for Those Who Backslide?

Yes, HELP comes from God for those who backslide from Him.

So you, by the help of your God, return. Hosea 12:6 NKJV

O Israel, you are destroyed, but your help is from Me. Hosea 13:9 NKJV

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1. God Helps Us by DISCIPLINING Us When We Backslide from Him!

*For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.
Hebrews 12:6 NKJV*

*Wherever they go, I will spread My net on them; I will bring them down like birds of the air;
I will chastise them according to what their congregation has heard. Hosea 7:12 NKJV*

*The LORD has a charge to bring against Judah; He will punish Jacob according to his ways
and repay him according to his deeds. Hosea 12:2 NIV*

We Can Expect God's Discipline When...

- We worship IDOLS. *Hosea 13:1-3*

- We live SELF-RIGHTEOUSLY. *Hosea 12:8*

- We forget GOD. *Hosea 8:14; 13:4-6*

2. God Helps Us Because He DESIRES that We Return to Him!

So you, by the help of your God, return. Hosea 12:6 NKJV

*I will return again to My place till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face;
in their affliction they will diligently seek Me. Hosea 5:15 NKJV*

The Nature of God's Help:

- God's help is REDEMPITIVE in nature. *Hosea 13:4, 9-14*

- God's help is COMPREHENSIVE in nature.

- God's help is GRACIOUS in nature. *Hosea 12:6*

Our Response to God's Help

Don't REJECT God's help, instead RECEIVE His help and return to Him.

*And the pride of Israel testifies to his face, but they do not return to the Lord their God,
nor seek Him for all this. Hosea 7:10 NKJV*

So you, by the help of your God, return. Hosea 12:6 NKJV