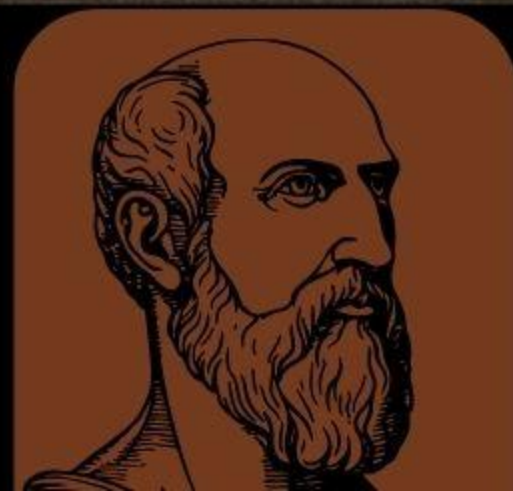
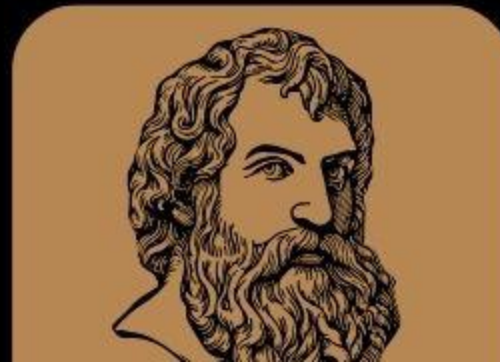
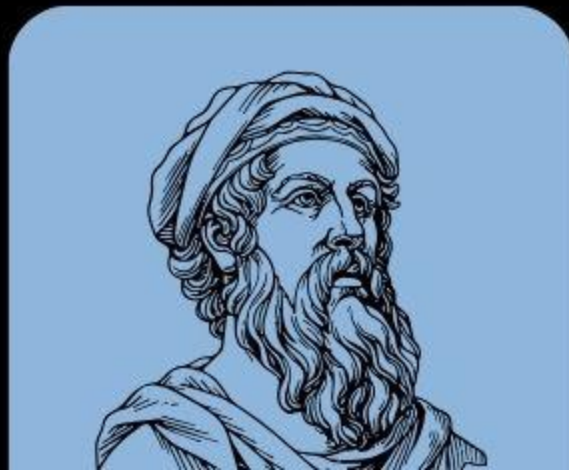
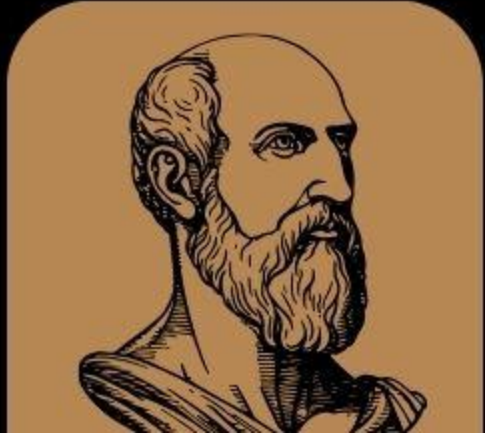


MAJORING ON THE MINOR

HOSEA



HOSEA 1:2NLT

2 When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, “Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord.”

HOSEA 1:3-4A NLT

3 So Hosea married Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she became pregnant and gave Hosea a son.

4 And the Lord said, “Name the child Jezreel”
[God scatters]


HOSEA 1:6A NLT

6 Soon Gomer became pregnant again and gave birth to a daughter. And the Lord said to Hosea, “Name your daughter Lo-ruhamah” [Not loved]


HOSEA 1:8-9A NLT

8 After Gomer had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she again became pregnant and gave birth to a second son.

9 And the Lord said, “Name him Lo-ammi”
[Not my people]

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with visible tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is arid, with sparse, low-lying vegetation and scattered rocks. In the background, a range of rolling hills or mountains stretches across the horizon. The sky is a mix of dark blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall lighting is soft and atmospheric.

**LOOKING AT THE OVER ARCHING
THEME OF HOSEA.**

A desert landscape with a large, flat-topped rock formation in the background. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The foreground is a sandy, cracked desert floor. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**REGARDLESS OF HOW FAR
WE DRIFT FROM GOD, GOD
NEVER QUITS.**

HOSEA 2:19-20 NLT

19 I will make you my wife forever,
showing you righteousness and justice,
unfailing love and compassion.

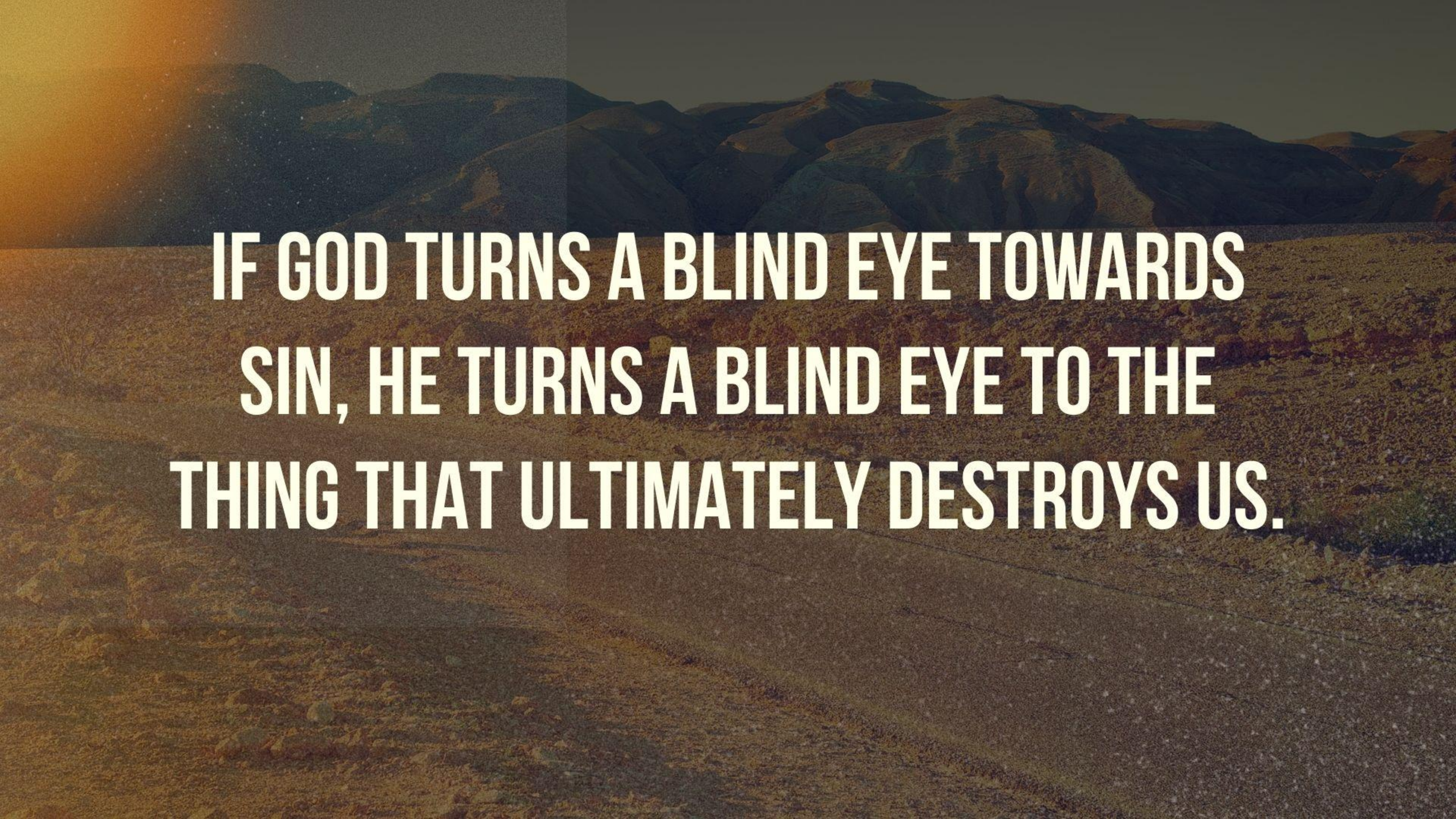
20 I will be faithful to you and make you
mine,
and you will finally know me as the Lord.

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with visible tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is arid and rocky, with sparse, low-lying vegetation. In the background, a range of dark, rugged mountains stretches across the horizon. The sky is a mix of deep blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is desolate and expansive.

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A photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a paved road curves through a dry, rocky terrain. The middle ground shows rolling hills and sparse vegetation. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a clear sky. The overall color palette is warm, with browns, oranges, and yellows.

**IF GOD TURNS A BLIND EYE TOWARDS
SIN, HE TURNS A BLIND EYE TO THE
THING THAT ULTIMATELY DESTROYS US.**

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23 For the wages of sin is death.

Romans 6:23a NLT

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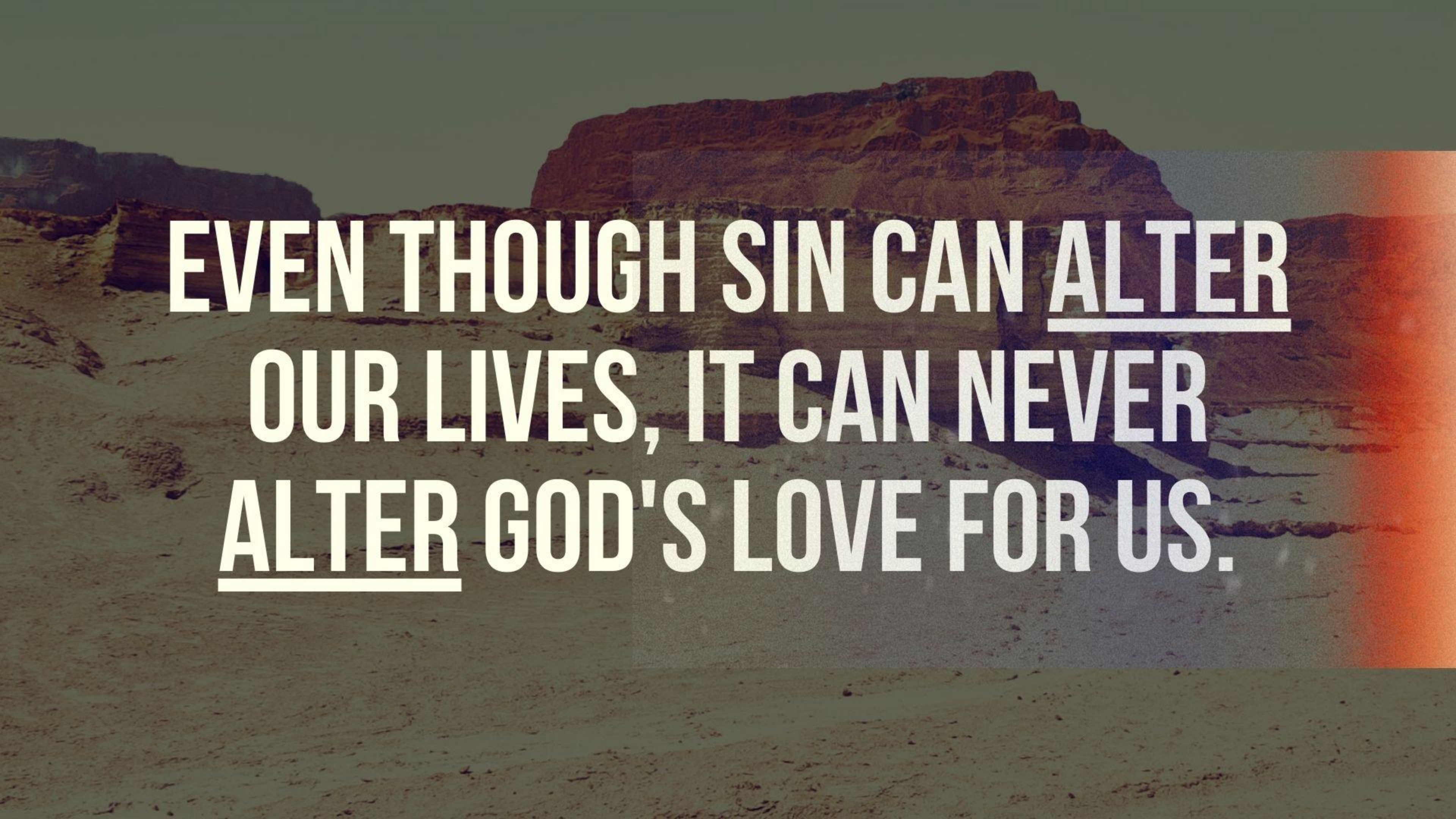
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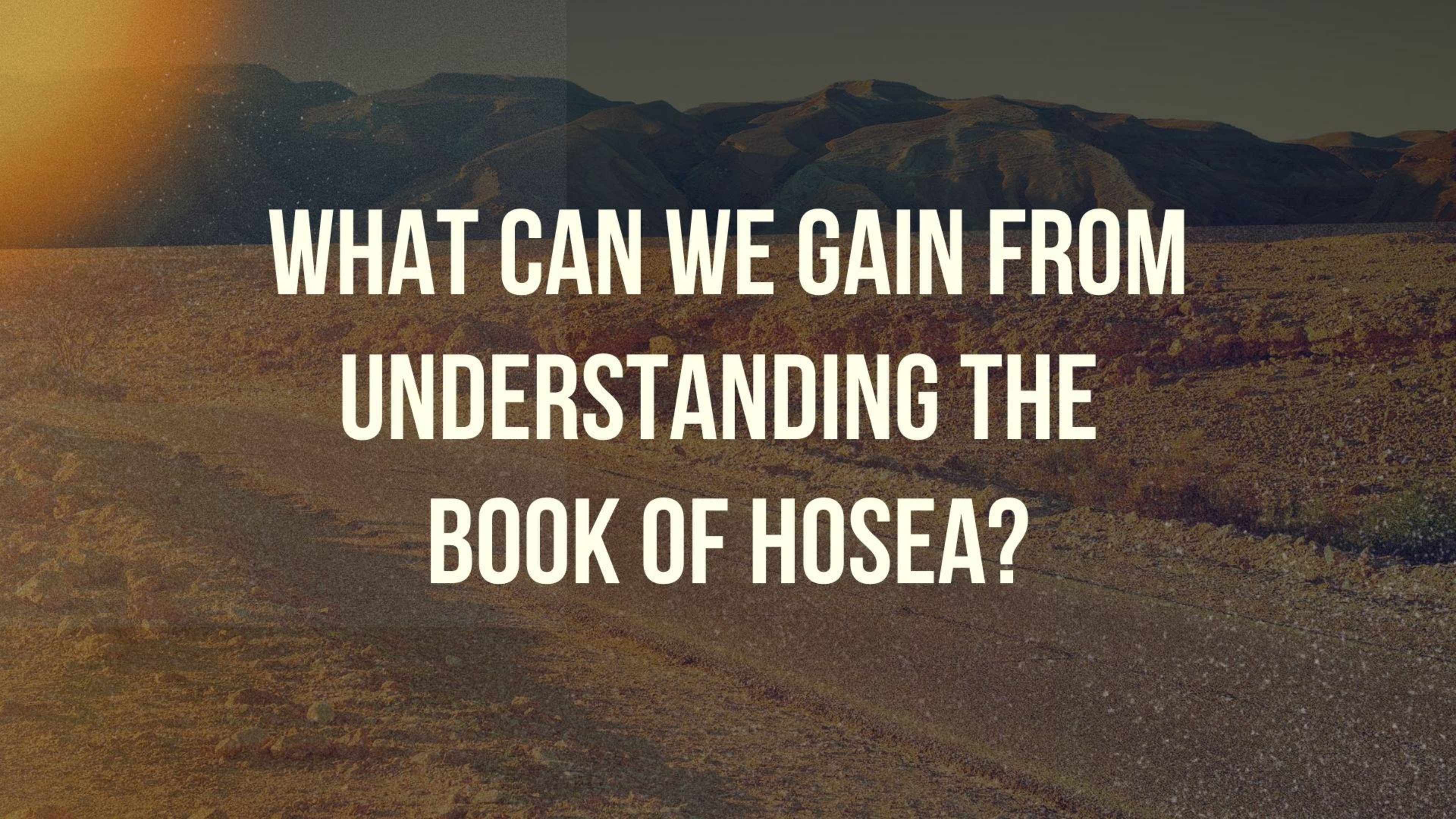
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38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

Romans 8:38a NLT



**EVEN THOUGH SIN CAN ALTER
OUR LIVES, IT CAN NEVER
ALTER GOD'S LOVE FOR US.**

A desert landscape with mountains in the background and a path leading into the distance. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The mountains are dark and silhouetted against the sky. The foreground is a dry, rocky plain with sparse, low-lying vegetation. A dirt path or road winds through the landscape, leading the eye towards the mountains.

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Then the Lord said to me, “Go and love your wife again, even though she commits adultery with another lover. This will illustrate that the Lord still loves Israel, even though the people have turned to other gods and love to worship them.”

Hosea 3:1 NLT

A photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a paved road curves through a dry, rocky terrain. The background features rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of brown, tan, and blue.

WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF HOSEA?

2. DISASTER FOLLOWS REBELLION AGAINST GOD.

HOSEA 4:1-3 NLT

1 Hear the word of the Lord, O people of Israel!

The Lord has brought charges against you, saying:

“There is no faithfulness, no kindness,
no knowledge of God in your land.

2 You make vows and break them;
you kill and steal and commit adultery.

There is violence everywhere—
one murder after another.

3 That is why your land is in mourning,
and everyone is wasting away.

Even the wild animals, the birds of the sky,
and the fish of the sea are disappearing.

WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF HOSEA?

2. DISASTER FOLLOWS REBELLION AGAINST GOD.

2 So I bought her back for fifteen pieces of silver and five bushels of barley and a measure of wine.

Hosea 3:2 NLT

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14 “But then I will win her back once again.

I will lead her into the desert
and speak tenderly to her there.

15 I will return her vineyards to her

and transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of
hope.

Hosea 2:14-15a NLT

A photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a paved road curves through a dry, rocky terrain. The middle ground shows a valley with sparse vegetation and a winding path. In the background, there are dark, silhouetted mountains under a hazy, orange-tinted sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF HOSEA?

4. THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE FOR THOSE WHO RETURN TO GOD.

HOSEA 2:21-23 NLT

21 “In that day, I will answer,”
says the Lord.

“I will answer the sky as it pleads for clouds.

And the sky will answer the earth with rain.

22 Then the earth will answer the thirsty cries
of the grain, the grapevines, and the olive trees.

And they in turn will answer,

‘Jezreel’—‘God plants!’

23 At that time I will plant a crop of Israelites
and raise them for myself.

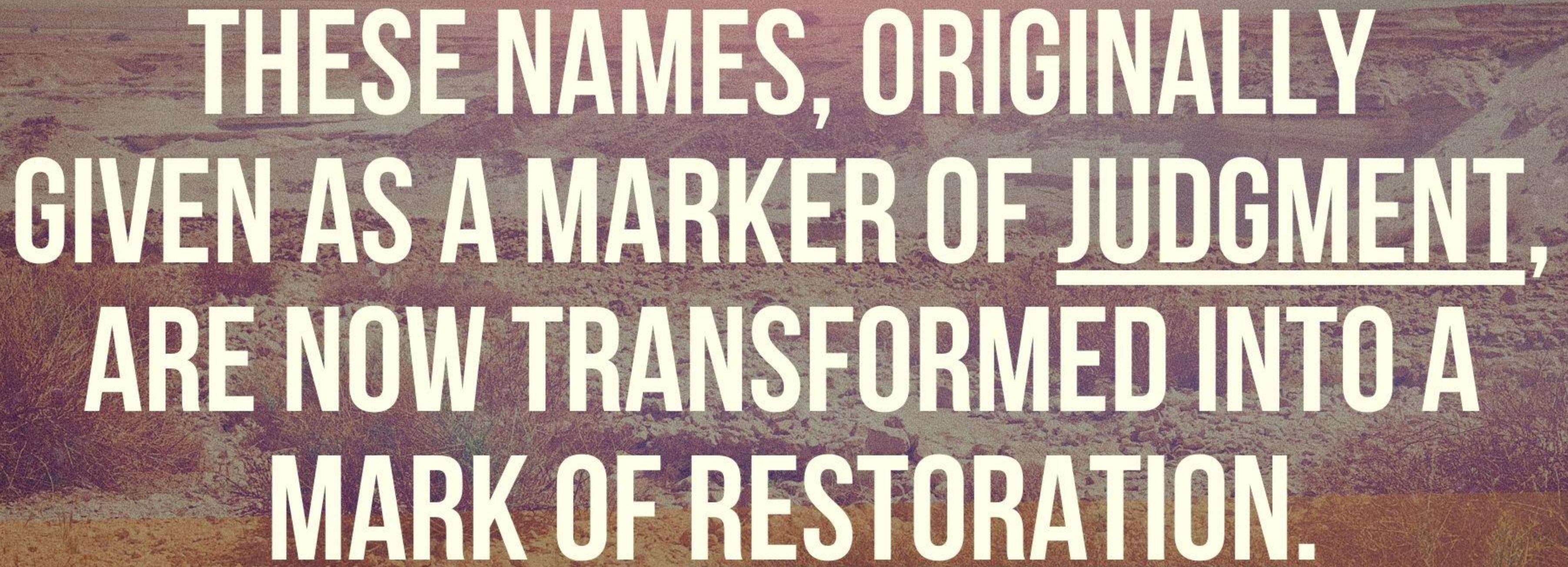
I will show love

to those I called ‘Not loved.’

And to those I called ‘Not my people,’

I will say, ‘Now you are my people.’

And they will reply, ‘You are our God!’”



**THESE NAMES, ORIGINALLY
GIVEN AS A MARKER OF JUDGMENT,
ARE NOW TRANSFORMED INTO A
MARK OF RESTORATION.**

HOSEA 14:1-2,4 NLT

1 Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God,
for your sins have brought you down.

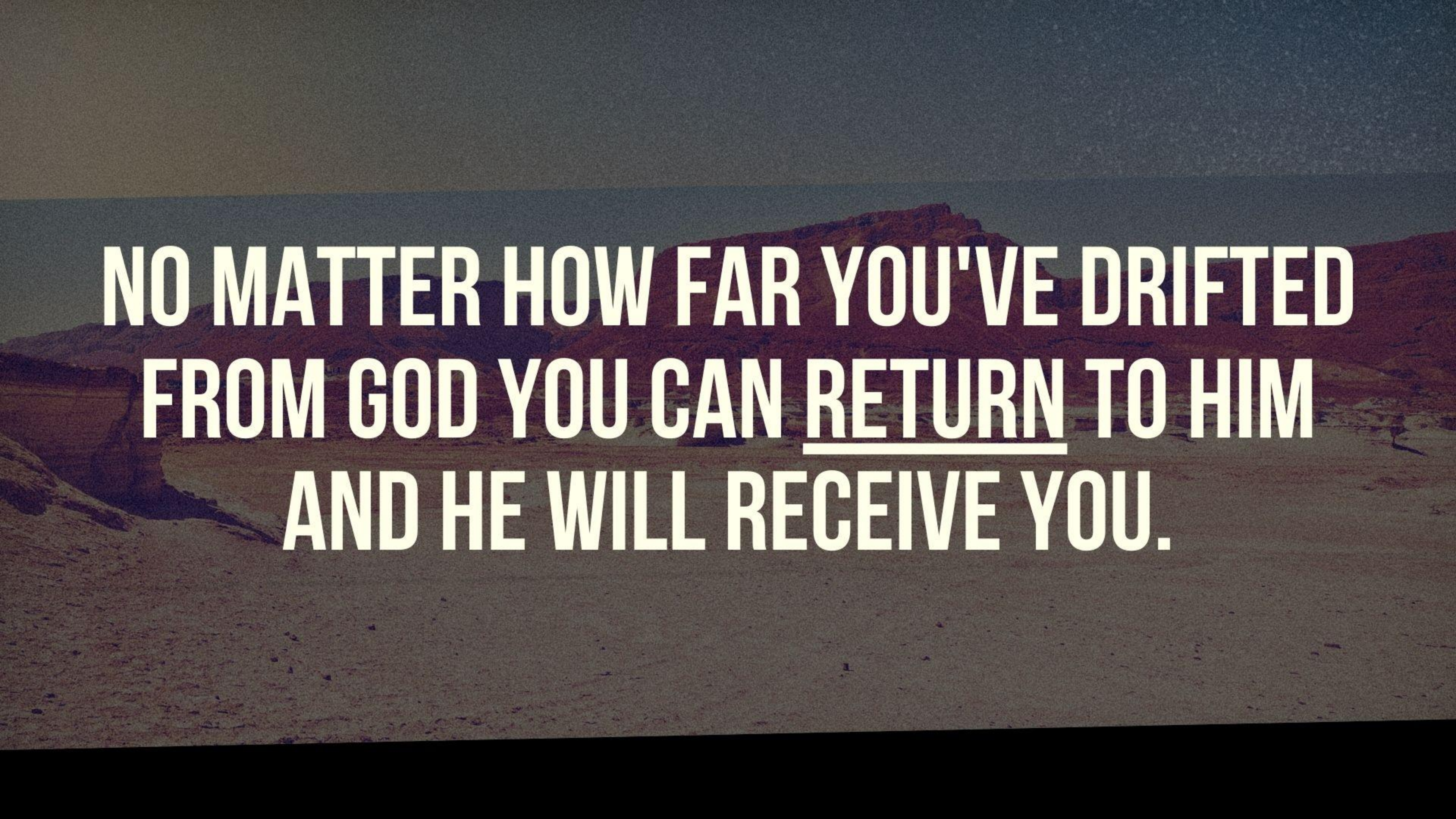
2 Bring your confessions, and return to the Lord.

Say to him,

“Forgive all our sins and graciously receive us,
so that we may offer you our praises.

4 The Lord says,

“Then I will heal you of your faithlessness;
my love will know no bounds,
for my anger will be gone forever.



**NO MATTER HOW FAR YOU'VE DRIFTED
FROM GOD YOU CAN RETURN TO HIM
AND HE WILL RECEIVE YOU.**