

2—Return to the Lord

4/23/23

INTRO:

I. → Hosea 6:1-3

“Come, let us return to the Lord.

He has torn us to pieces

*but he will **heal** us;*

he has injured us

but he will bind up our wounds.

→ 2 *After two days he will **revive** us;*

on the third day he will restore us,

*that we **may live** in his presence.*

→ 3 *Let us acknowledge the Lord;*

let us press on to acknowledge him.

*As surely as the **sun** rises,*

he will appear;

he will come to us like the winter rains,

*like the **spring rains** that water the earth.”*

II. IN THE NORTH SUN AND RAIN WERE FROM BAAL

BODY:

I. Healing Our Wounds

6 He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us;

he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds.

A. God can use even tragedy to bring about lasting change.

1) **Genesis 50:20**

*“You intended to harm me, but **God intended** it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”*

2) GETTING ALL THE WAY DOWN

B. Healing begins when we submit God's purpose in our lives.

1) **Isaiah 6:10**

*"Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts,
and turn and **be healed.**"*

2) SITTING AT THE SPA

II. Reviving Our Souls

*2 After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live in his presence.*

A. Revival begins when one life comes back from the dead.

1) **Luke 24:46-47**

*He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will
suffer and rise from the dead on the **third day**, and
repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in
his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."*

2) THE REVIVALS IN WALES

B. We cannot be raise up until we have been buried.

1) **Romans 6:4**

*We were therefore buried with him through baptism into
death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father, we too may live a **new life.***

2) THE THEME OF RESURRECTION

III. Renewing Our Minds

*3 Let us acknowledge the Lord;
let us **press on** to acknowledge him.
As surely as the sun rises,
he will appear;
he will come to us like the winter rains,
like the spring rains that water the earth."
Heb (radaph) pursue, chase*

- A. Every new season requires we get a fresh perspective.
- 1) **Romans 12:2**
*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*
 - 2) RUDY—I QUIT
- B. If we keep pressing on He will keep coming through.
- 1) **Psalms 104:29-30**
*When you hide your face,
they are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to the dust.
When you send your Spirit,
they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.*

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.