

## Lesson Thirteen: What's Our Story?

### Hosea 11:12-12:14

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<sup>11:12</sup> Ephraim has surrounded Me with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit, but Judah still walks with God and is faithful to the Holy One.

<sup>12:1</sup> Ephraim feeds on the wind and pursues the east wind all day long; they multiply falsehood and violence; they make a covenant with Assyria, and oil is carried to Egypt.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD has an indictment against Judah and will punish Jacob according to his ways; He will repay him according to his deeds.

<sup>3</sup> In the womb he took his brother by the heel, and in his manhood he strove with God.

<sup>4</sup> He strove with the Angel and prevailed; he wept and sought his favor.

He met God at Bethel, and there God spoke with us—

<sup>5</sup> the LORD, the God of hosts, the LORD is His memorial name:

<sup>6</sup> “So you, by the help of your God, return, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God.”

<sup>7</sup> A merchant, in whose hands are false balances, he loves to oppress.

<sup>8</sup> Ephraim has said, “Ah, but I am rich; I have found wealth for myself; in all my labors they cannot find in me iniquity or sin.”

<sup>9</sup> I am the LORD your God from the land of Egypt; I will again make you dwell in tents, as in the days of the appointed feast.

<sup>10</sup> I spoke to the prophets; it was I who multiplied visions, and through the prophets gave parables.

<sup>11</sup> If there is iniquity in Gilead, they shall surely come to nothing: in Gilgal they sacrifice bulls; their altars also are like stone heaps on the furrows of the field.

<sup>12</sup> Jacob fled to the land of Aram; there Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he guarded sheep.

<sup>13</sup> By a prophet the LORD brought Israel up from Egypt, and by a prophet he was guarded.

<sup>14</sup> Ephraim has given bitter provocation; so his Lord will leave his bloodguilt on him and will repay him for his disgraceful deeds.



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## Discussion Questions

1. How does this section of Hosea affirm what we do on Tuesday mornings?  
Respond to the person who says, "Mining the stories of the Bible is a waste of time."  
(See Romans 15:4 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17.)
2. How does the name "Jacob" describe the patriarch and God's people in Hosea's time?  
(See Hosea 12:3a and Genesis 25:21-26.)
3. How can we be like Jacob in the way we navigate life?
4. How does the name "Israel" describe the patriarch and what God wants for His people?  
(See Hosea 12:3b-4 and Genesis 32:22-32 and 35:1-15.)
5. When and how have we wrestled with God like Jacob did (Genesis 32:22-32)?  
What does "winning" look like in that match? What mark does God leave in our lives?
6. What threads in Jacob's/Israel's story can we trace to their fulfillment in Jesus' story?
7. What's the story that most animates our lives?  
Are we more like Jacob, scheming for what we want?  
Are we more like Israel, clinging to God and His promises?
8. What role does God's word play in remembering our story? (See Hosea 12:10, 13; Matthew 17:5.)  
Is our posture toward the word more like Psalm 50:17 or James 1:21?

## Upcoming Opportunities

### Church in the City

"Kingdom Generosity" with Alan Barnhart  
Thursday, April 30, 7:00 p.m.  
Register at [pcpc.org/events](http://pcpc.org/events).

### Work as Mission Breakfast

"Doing Good Work" with Alan Barnhart  
Friday, May 1, 7:00 a.m.  
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