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**Sermon Outline – June 17, 2007**  
**Living a Fruitful Life - Part 9**  
**“Faithfulness”**

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, **faithfulness**, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”*

Galatians 5:22-23

**An Illustration of God’s Faithfulness...**

*“1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. 2 But the more I called Israel, the further they went from me. They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images. 3 It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them. 4 I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; I lifted the yoke from their neck and bent down to feed them 5 “Will they not return to Egypt and will not Assyria rule over them because they refuse to repent? 6 Swords will flash in their cities, will destroy the bars of their gates and put an end to their plans. 7 My people are determined to turn from me. Even if they call to the Most High, he will by no means exalt them. 8 “How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I treat you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboiim? My heart is changed within me; all my compassion is aroused. 9 I will not carry out my fierce anger, nor will I turn and devastate Ephraim. For I am God, and not man—the Holy One among you. I will not come in wrath. 10 They will follow the LORD; he will roar like a lion. When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west. 11 They will come trembling like birds from Egypt, like doves from Assyria. I will settle them in their homes,” declares the LORD.”*

**Hosea 11:1-11**

**The Book of Hosea provides:**

1. **A picture of God’s** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Hosea’s wife is an adulteress - a type of Israel**
  - **Hosea’s children are named:**
    - **Jezreel**, - “because I will soon punish the house of Jehu for the massacre at Jezreel,”
    - **Lo-Ruhamah**, - “for I will no longer show love to the house of Israel”
    - **Lo-Ammi**, - “for you are not my people, and I am not your God.”

2. **A picture of God’s** \_\_\_\_\_

*“ I will betroth you to me forever;  
I will betroth you in righteousness and justice,  
in love and compassion.  
I will betroth you in faithfulness,  
and you will acknowledge the LORD.”*

Hosea 2:19-20

**Following God’s Model of Faithfulness:**

1. **Sticking together** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Showing up** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Digging in** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Staying true** \_\_\_\_\_