Series: Relentless Love

<u>Title</u>: God's Case Against His People

<u>Text</u>: (Hosea 4:1-19)

1. Adulterous Wife and Faithful Husband (1:1-3:5)

2. Adulterous Nation and Faithful God (4:1-14:9)

a. The Adulterous Nation (Chap 4-10)

i. God's Case against His People (4:1-19)

I. Their Indictment: (Hosea 4:1-5)

A. "No Truth" - God's Word: (Jn 14:6)(Jn 17:17)

B. "*No Mercy*" - (Mich 6:8)

C. "No Knowledge of God" (Rom 3:18)

1. <u>Sin has a Cost</u>: (Rom 6:23)

2. Sin has a Consequence: (Is 3:11)(Gal 6:8a)

3. <u>Sin has a Curse</u>: (Is 3:11)(Ps 34:9)(Rom 14:11-12)

II. Their Ignorance: (Hosea 4:6-11)

A. They have lost their Priestly Relationship with God.

B. They Rejected God's Truth: (Is 59:1-2)(Rom 14:7)

C. Prosperity led to Sin: (Ezek 16:49)(Prov 30:7-9)

D. They go after sin with vigor: (Vs 8)

E. All levels of Society: (Vs 9)

F. They Forfeit the Blessings: (Vs 10) (Hag 1:6)

G. Evils of Beverage Alcohol: (Vs 11)

III. Their Idolatry: (Hosea 4:12-14)

A. Small compromises lead to great sins: (Vs 12-13)

B. (Vs 13) Depicted in Detail by (Rom 1:19-32)

C. God's Holy Spirit stopped drawing them: (2 Thes 2:7)

D. Our sinful habits do hurt those who follow us. (Vs 14) (Rom 14:7)

IV. Their Immorality: (Hosea 4:15-19)

A. Spiritual Sin begat Physical Sin: (Vs 15) (Hosea 5:3)

B. Israel's Backsliding: (Vs 16)

C. Israel's Idolatry: (Vs 17-18)

D. Israel's Shame was coming: (Vs 19)

Small compromises lead to great sin

(Gen 13:5-13; 14:8-16; 19:1-3) Life of Lot! (Luke 16:10)

<u>Decide</u>: - Decide you want what God wants (Prov 28:18)

<u>Determine</u> - Be Proactive: (Ps 37:37)

<u>Detour</u>: Don't Compromise the Standards! (1 Cor 10:13)

Those who don't love God will not help us serve God:

(2 Cor 6:14-18) Unequally Yoked (Prov 13:20)

<u>Decide</u> – God is Always Right! (1 Peter 4:1-4)

Determine – analyze each of your relationships. (Prov 27:17)

<u>Detour</u> – Change your Unequally Yoked Relationships

Our sinful habits do hurt those who follow us.

(Rom 14:7)(Ex 20:7)(1 Cor 10:23, 24)

Decide, God is right about this.

(Amos 3:3) (2 Kings 15:9, 18, 24, 28)

Paul understood this principle.

(2 Thes 3:7, 9) (1 Thes 1:5)

<u>Determine</u> - How are we leading people now?

Determine To be the best example possible. (2 Cor 5:20)

Inspite of Israel's Wickedness, God still loved her: (Hos 2:19)

God will redeem Israel for His Own: (Hos 2:23)

Inspite of our Sin, God still Loves us! (Jn 3:14-17)

God still wants to Save Everyone of us: (2 Pet 2:9)

God wants to redeem you for His own: (Heb 7:25)