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This week we celebrate our redemption. **REDEMPTION:** *to be bought back*. Start each day by thanking God for buying us back from our cruel masters.

day one: from trouble to hope

READ Hosea 2:15, Romans 8:28, and Psalms 51:8.

THINK of an example of how God used trouble in your life to bring about good to you? How did you feel before you acknowledged what God was doing?

READ Psalms 51:8.

Can you rejoice in God's crushing? Have you ever felt sweetly broken? What would you say to someone who believes that no good can come from his/her situation?

PRAY Psalm 31. This is a song of joy sung because God has saved us from the grave and destruction.

PRAY this psalm as you remember that Jesus has saved you by His death and resurrection.

day two: from master to husband

READ Hosea 2:16-17.

The people to whom the prophet was speaking in this passage had been worshiping at the shrines dedicated to the god Baal. The word Baal means master. Do you understand the play on words being used in this verse?

Who are the "masters" to whom you've given yourself in your quest to find fulfillment, happiness and meaning? Were these masters cruel or kind? Did any begin as kind then become cruel?

What do you believe is significant about describing God's relationship with His people not as master to servant but husband to bride?

day three: from broken Promise to New Covenant

READ Hosea 2:18:20. This scripture is a prophecy about a future king that would come and bring a new kingdom to his bride or people. How was this prophecy fulfilled? What will this kingdom be like? See Luke 22:17-20; Rev 19:7; Rev 21:1-5; Rev 22:1-5

THANK God for His coming kingdom.

day four: redeeming the bride

READ Hosea 3:1-3.

How are Hosea's actions reflective of God's action towards you?

READ John 8:1-11.

How is this story a reflection of God's heart as described in Hosea?

WRITE a note or letter to God expressing your gratitude for redemption.

day five: tell someone

READ Psalms 103:1-18. This is a song of redemption. What aspects of redemption produce the most joy in you? Will you choose to live in the joy of redemption today?

PRAY Psalm 103:1-18. **ASK** God to give you a person to whom to tell your story today. **PRAY** He will allow you to invite someone to church this weekend to hear about the redemption and forgiveness of God.

Prepare for Weekend Worship

READ Hosea 1:3-11 and 2:21-23.

PRAY the Our Father.

Give special consideration to the privilege of calling God Father.

Our father, Who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
amen.