

Hands Untied

Text: Hosea 10:12

We serve a God whose hands are not _____ not at all. They never have been tied and they never *will* be tied — not by any circumstance, not by any politician or governmental authority or man-made limitation.

We serve a God whose hand is mighty and he can _____ what he intends to accomplish. Ref: Isaiah 48:13

The hand of God represents the _____ of God. Ref: 2nd Chronicles 20:6

The hand of God also represents God's _____. Ref: Isaiah 41:10

The hand of God also represents the _____ of God. Psalm 145:16

We need the hand of God at work in our lives. Ref: Ezekiel 1:3

Learn to ASK: God I need your power, your protection, and your provision — as well as your presence — every day of my life."

Hosea's story symbolizes the relationship that God has had with his people throughout the generations, because historically we haven't always been faithful to him, and in our rebellion we have broken God's heart as Hosea's unfaithful wife shattered his heart. And yet, like Hosea, God keeps _____ us, and keeps _____ us back to him.

If you want more of God and you want your life to be all about him, then you need to make your life all about seeking him.

And, by the way, there's no better way to live.

Three steps that we need to take toward seeking God, in order to experience his fullness in our lives.

1. _____ 12 ...break up your fallow ground...

What is fallow ground? Obviously, it's unplowed ground, as the NIV indicates. More specifically, the Hebrew Dictionary defines it as tillable — though as of yet _____ — ground.

You cannot experience the fullness of God — the fullness of his power, his protection, his provision, and his presence — if your life is marked by unplowed, unprepared, untended territory.

2. _____ 12 Sow for yourselves righteousness...

Doing good for others is a step in the process of seeking God Re: Matthew 25:40

3. _____ 12 It's time to dig in with God, until he arrives with righteousness ripe for harvest. (The Message) Ref: Psalm 123:2 NASB

Until. Seeking God requires a commitment to "until." Until he is gracious. Until he arrives. Ref: Psalm 44:3