

John 1:14 (NIV) *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of GRACE and TRUTH.*

Hosea 12:6 (NRSV) *But as for you, return to your God, hold fast to LOVE and JUSTICE, and WAIT continually for your God.*

*****Life Application Bible Notes:** “The two principles that Hosea called his nation to live by, love and justice, are at the very foundation of God's character. They are essential to his followers, but they are not easy to keep in balance. Some people are loving to the point that they excuse wrongdoing. Others are just to the extent that they forget love. Love without justice, because it is not aiming at a higher standard, leaves people in their sins. Justice without love, because it has no heart, drives people away from God.” Hosea was reminding the people of Israel they needed to live their lives holding fast to both truths. Jesus came much later SHOWING us in everything that He did that He lived out those same two truths. We are challenged to live each day with Grace & Truth (Love & Justice) as our primary motivations. Keeping them in balance can only be done by our total dependence on the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER: Lord, help me to seek to honor you in the way that live each day. May I pursue Your truth in my life as well as Your grace. Help me to keep those things in balance as You did in your life here. Please Lord help me I cannot do this alone.

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