

# Words of Hope for the New Year!

Hosea 14:1-3

*Introduction:*

How should we handle spiritual failures?

## *Introductory Considerations:*

- The prophet Hosea –
- His wife Gomer –
- The book of Hosea –

## 3 Ways to Find our Help in the Lord

1. We must \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord (vv. 1-2a) – *O Israel, return unto the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. Take words with you, and return to the Lord. Say to Him, “Take away all iniquity.”*

a. Why? Because you have fallen.

b. How?

2. We must \_\_\_\_\_ to God's graciousness (v. 2b) –  
*Receive us graciously for we will offer the sacrifices of our lips.*

3. We must \_\_\_\_\_ false securities (v. 3). *Assyria shall not save us. We will not ride on horses, nor will we say anymore to the work of our hands, "You are our gods." For in you the fatherless finds mercy.*

### 2 False Ways that We Deal with Sin:

- "If I'm \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, then God will like me again!"
- "If I \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, then God will accept me."