

# Unreasonable Love

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# Meaning of Hosea

- The name Hosea means “salvation.”
- From the same Hebrew root (“Hoshea”) as the names Joshua and Jesus.

# Hosea's Wife and Children (Hosea 1: 2-9 NIV)

<sup>2</sup>When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, “Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord.” <sup>3</sup>So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

<sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Hosea, “Call him Jezreel, because I will soon punish the house of Jehu for the massacre at Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of Israel. <sup>5</sup>In that day I will break Israel's bow in the Valley of Jezreel.”

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<sup>6</sup>Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the Lord said to Hosea, “Call her Lo-Ruhamah (which means “not loved” or “No Mercy”), for I will no longer show love (or mercy) to Israel, that I should at all forgive them. <sup>7</sup>Yet I will show love to Judah; and I will save them—not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but I, the Lord their God, will save them.”

<sup>8</sup>After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son. <sup>9</sup>Then the Lord said, “Call him Lo-Ammi (which means “not my people”), for you are not my people, and I am not your God.

## Hosea's Reconciliation With His Wife (Hosea 3:1-3)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes."

<sup>2</sup>So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. <sup>3</sup>Then I told her, "You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will behave the same way toward you."

# God's Unreasonable Love for Us

- Romans 5:8 - "But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
- God's Unreasonable Love is:
  - Undeserved
  - Relentless
  - Costly
- The CROSS is the ULTIMATE PROOF of God's Unreasonable Love

# God's Unreasonable Love for Us – What is our response?

- Hosea 14:4 - “I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them.”
- John 1:9 - “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

# God's Invitation to Us

- Ephesians 2:4-5 - “But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved!”
- Receive his GRACE!



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- **Jesus is our Hosea!**
- **Will YOU let him?**



# Questions?

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