

## ONCE UPON A MARRIAGE 4 - HOSEA AND GOMER UNFAILING LOVE

*When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, "Go, take to yourself an adulterous wife and children of unfaithfulness, because the land is guilty of the vilest adultery in departing from the Lord." 3 So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. Hos 1:2-3*

### THE MOST COMMON MARRIAGE MISCONCEPTION

- **WHAT I'M MISSING IS BETTER THAN WHAT I HAVE.**

*...She said, 'I will go after my lovers, who give me my food and my water, my wool and my linen, my oil and my drink.' Hosea 2:5*

### GOD'S RESPONSE TO SPIRITUAL ADULTERY

- **RIGHTEOUS ANGER**

*She has not acknowledged that I was the one who gave her the grain, the new wine and oil, who lavished on her the silver and gold... 9 "Therefore I will take away my grain when it ripens, and my new wine when it is ready. I will take back my wool and my linen, intended to cover her nakedness. 10 So now I will expose her lewdness before the eyes of her lovers; no one will take her out of my hands. Hosea 2:8-10*

- **UNFAILING LOVE**

*Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her. 15 There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. Hosea 2:14-15*

### GOD'S MESSAGE FOR THE BETRAYED SPOUSE

- **FORGIVE AND LOVE AS YOU'VE BEEN FORGIVEN AND LOVED.**

*The Lord said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods..." Hosea 3:1*

*12 Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers righteousness on you. Hosea 10:12*

### TALK IT OVER

- Share an example of a marriage you know of that has been a good illustration of God's faithfulness. What can you learn from them?
- How will you keep from practicing for divorce whether you're married, unmarried, or divorced?
- What are some ways you've been unfaithful to God? What will your next steps be to restore that relationship?

**Invite God to talk to you through this message. Talk it over with someone this week. Find more resources online at [www.lifechurch.tv/talkitover](http://www.lifechurch.tv/talkitover).**