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# JUMPING THE BROOM

“LOVE STORY” SERIES

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

In slavery times, it was illegal for slaves to marry, so jumping the broom was an outward profession of their love. In the movie, "Jumping the Broom," we see two imperfect people from different backgrounds get married. There is a similar representation in the Bible with the prophet, Hosea and his wife, Gomer. God has a divine way of blocking us in to get what He wants out of our lives. It's a true *love story*.

### THIS WILL BE A RECORD BREAKING YEAR.

Throughout the scripture we see God as the Groom and His people as the bride.

- Isaiah 54
- Ezekiel 16
- Jeremiah 31

*Matthew 25:1 NIV - At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.*

- In spite of who you are, God still grabs your hand and accepts you as His bride.

### LOVE IS GIVING WITHOUT THE EXPECTATION TO RECEIVE.

## SEE

*Hosea 1:2 NIV - 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."*

- God wanted Hosea to enter into a covenant with someone to teach the world how deep God's love is.
- God is into the details of your life and will use your darkest moments to show up as Light.
- God wants to be seen in your friendships, relationships, and partnerships.

*What relationship did you try to avoid and God drew you closer to it? Are you still in the relationship? Why or why not?*

*John 15:16 NIV - You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit---fruit that will last---and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.*

- God saw you just as you are and still chose you. He hand picked you.

*What character flaw do you have that you felt would prevent God from choosing you? How has God used the flaw for His glory?*

WHAT YOU COVER, GOD WILL UNCOVER.  
WHAT YOU UNCOVER, GOD WILL COVER.

## FORGIVE

*Hosea 2:6-7 NIV - [6] Therefore I will block her path with thornbushes; I will wall her in so that she cannot find her way. [7] She will chase after her lovers but not catch them; she will look for them but not find them. Then she will say, 'I will go back to my husband as at first, for then I was better off than now.'*

- You have to make a conscious decision to forgive.
- Maturity will get you to a point where you thank God it did not go as you planned.
- God will box you in to draw you to Him.

*Reflect on your life. What have you longed and desired for that God would not allow you to have? Are you bitter or grateful that God blocked it?*

*Revelation 2:4-5 KJV - [4] Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. [5] Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.*

- Love on God with all your heart, mind, and soul. Repent and allow God to be first again.

*What have you allowed to replace God in your life?*

YOU CAN'T LOVE UNLESS YOU CAN FORGIVE.

## RESTORE

*Hosea 3:1 NIV - 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,*

- God is waiting on you like the groom at the altar waiting for his bride. He is waiting on you to make room for Him.
- You will never find what you're looking for until you run to God. He wants to be the head of your life, your first love.

*The Lord is standing at the altar waiting for you. Will you open your heart to Him? Are you willing to remove your will so that He can live in you? How long must God wait for you?*

*Joel 2:25 KJV - And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.*

- God will restore all that has been lost and will make all things new again.

*What area of your life do you need God to restore?*

**ANYTHING YOU THINK FAILED, GOD WAS PROTECTING  
YOUR FUTURE.**

## **QUESTION**

*Is God #1 in your life?*

## **DECLARATION**

*God, I won't let anything take you as my priority. I seek you first and all these things shall be added to me. I will make room for you.*

## **PRAYER**

*Heavenly Father, I repent of my fleshly decisions. I have allowed other things to take Your place in my heart and my life. Forgive me God and allow me to be restored unto You. I sit at the altar preparing a place for You where You can live in me. I surrender my will to Your will. Anything that is blocking You, remove it, God. I love You, God, and I grant You full access to have Your way. In Jesus' name, Amen!*