

Hosea: Walking in the Love of God

9/20 • Hosea 2–3 • Exposed, Wooed, and Bought

Big Idea: God exposes our unfaithfulness so that He can woo us back, and He pays the price to buy us back.

Being Exposed by God *Hosea 2:2–13*

Gomer is put on trial in this passage, but she represents someone else. Who? What is the accusation (see vv. 5, 13)?

Israel didn't forget God; they made Him one option on a "buffet" of gods. What in your life (money, relationships, pleasure, work, family, even church) competes to be at the top of the list?

Being Wooed by God *Hosea 2:14–23*

Achor means "trouble" (Joshua 7). How can God turn the valley of Achor into "a door of hope" (v. 15)? Where have you seen trouble become hope in your own life?

God says Israel will call Him "My Husband" instead of "My Baal" (v. 16). What is the difference between returning to God out of duty and returning out of devotion?

Reread the betrothal promises in vv. 19–20 (righteousness, justice, steadfast love, mercy, faithfulness). Which one speaks to you most right now, and why?

Being Bought by God *Hosea 3*

Hosea could have been "done" with Gomer, yet God told him to go love her and pay her debts. What does this cost Hosea, and what does it show about God's love for us?

Take It Home

What is one specific step you will take this week to put God back on the throne of your life?
