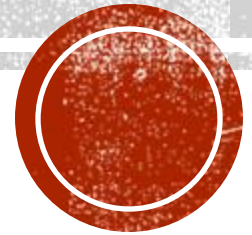


***HOSEA 2:14-23***

**THEN YOU WILL KNOW THE LORD**



# LAST WEEK: HOSEA 2 PART 1

Any observations from last week?

1. Do any of you have any thoughts on God choosing to engage in a painful and unfaithful relationship?
2. Did any of you contemplate during the week what implications that might have for us and our relationships? Any specifics?



# LET'S READ IT: HOSEA 2:14-23

<sup>14</sup> “Therefore, behold, I am going to persuade her,  
Bring her *into* the wilderness,  
And speak kindly to her.

<sup>15</sup> Then I will give her her vineyards from there,  
And the Valley of Achor as a door of hope.  
And she will respond there as in the days of her youth,  
As in the day when she went up from the land of Egypt.

<sup>16</sup> And it will come about on that day,” declares the LORD,  
“That you will call Me my husband  
And no longer call Me my Baal.

<sup>17</sup> For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth,  
So that they will no longer be mentioned by their names.



# LET'S READ IT: HOSEA 2:14-23

<sup>18</sup> On that day I will also make a covenant for them  
With the animals of the field,  
The birds of the sky,  
And the crawling things of the ground.  
And I will eliminate the bow, the sword, and war from the land,  
And will let them lie down in safety.

<sup>19</sup> I will betroth you to Me forever;  
Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice,  
In favor and in compassion,

<sup>20</sup> And I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness.  
Then you will know the LORD.



# LET'S READ IT: HOSEA 2:14-23

<sup>21</sup> “And it will come about on that day that I will respond,” declares the LORD.

“I will respond to the heavens, and they will respond to the earth,

<sup>22</sup> And the earth will respond to the grain, to the new wine, and to the oil,

And they will respond to Jezreel.

<sup>23</sup> I will sow her for Myself in the land.

I will also have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion,

And I will say to those who were not My people,

‘You are My people!’

And they will say, ‘*You are my God!*’”



## HOSEA 2:14-23

- What repetitive elements do we identify in this passage?
- How would you summarize the passage in a sentence?
- What emotions does God seem to be displaying in this passage and the prior passage?



# HOSEA 2:14-23

- What does it tell us about God's nature that he begins the chapter deeply angry and wounded?
- What does it tell us about God's nature that he plans to bless and prosper and love Israel in the future?
- What "Day" is God referring to? Has it happened yet?
- What are the implications of betrothal in "righteousness and justice?"



# HOSEA 2:14-23

- Let me tell you about being Gomer!
- (Peter reads a short story)
- This story represents a long process of coming to grips with my own unfaithfulness (and God's faithfulness)
- This story also helped my wife (and me) understand the coexisting nature of God's anger and hurt and deep love
- God's love isn't contingent on our future performance

