

# God in the Ruins

The Message of the Minor Prophets

**Hosea**

*Hosea 3:1-5*

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## WHAT'S A PROPHET TO DO?

The prophets were called by God to remind Israel of their \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

## WHAT'S IN A HENDIADYS?

*Kindness + Faithfulness* = \_\_\_\_\_ love and devotion.

*Justice + Righteousness* = \_\_\_\_\_.

## “THE PROBLEM” IN 2 WORDS

When we fail to love God, it's \_\_\_\_\_.

When we fail to love other people it's \_\_\_\_\_.

## HOSEA'S LIVING PARABLE

1. Our relationship to God is like a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Isaiah 54:4-6, Isaiah 62:5)
  - a. Marriage is a relationship of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Marriage is a relationship of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Marriage is a relationship of life-changing \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Our relationship to God is like a \_\_\_\_\_.

## SPIRITUAL IDOLATRY

- You do not understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of your sin until you understand this image.
- If you don't understand this metaphor, you don't understand \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Jeremiah 2-4)

We dare not easily dismiss our spiritual \_\_\_\_\_... but we dare not easily dismiss his scandalous, \_\_\_\_\_ and faithfulness.

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## Hosea 3:1-5

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.”

<sup>4</sup> For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or household gods. <sup>5</sup> Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the Lord and to his blessings in the last days.

## Matthew 22:35-40

<sup>35</sup> One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”

<sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

## Hosea 14:4, 9

<sup>4</sup> “I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them...”

<sup>9</sup> Who is wise? Let them realize these things. Who is discerning? Let them understand. The ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them.

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