



Hosea 1:1; Hosea 2:19–20

Hosea 1:1, *The LORD gave this message to Hosea son of Beeri during the years when Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah were kings of Judah, and Jeroboam son of Jehoash was king of Israel.*

I. God wants us to learn from a faithless nation. *Hosea 1:1-2*

Hosea 1:2, *The land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the LORD... KJV*

Hosea 1:2, *When the LORD first began speaking to Israel through Hosea, he said to him, “Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution. This will illustrate how Israel has acted like a prostitute by turning against the LORD and worshiping other gods.” NLT*

II. God sometimes issues shocking commands. *Hosea 1:2*

***Hosea's marriage to Gomer is a living sermon:**

- **Hosea represents God**
- **Gomer represents Israel**
- **Her unfaithfulness represents sin**
- **Hosea's pursuit represents grace**

Hosea 2:19, *I will make you my wife forever, showing you righteousness and justice, unfailing love and compassion.*

III. God loves us relentlessly as Hosea did his wife. *Hosea 2:19*

Romans 5:8, *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. NKJV*

**IV. God wants us to see Jesus in Hosea
and in every book of the Bible. Romans 5:8**

APPLY GOD'S WORD...

- 1. How will you respond to a God who loves you like this?**
- 2. If you have wandered, God wants you to come home.**

Hosea 6:1, “Come, and let us return unto the LORD.”

- 3. If you have never truly trusted Christ, today is your day.**