



## How to Handle the Deep Hurts of Life & Marriage: Hosea 1

**Hosea 1:2-3**, 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.”<sup>3</sup> So Hosea married Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she became pregnant and gave Hosea a son.

### I. God sees the pain of your difficult situation. Hosea 1:2-3; Psalm 34:18

**Psalm 34:18**, The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

### II. God wants us to respond to heartache with obedience instead of bitterness. Hosea 1:3

**Hosea 1:3**, So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

**Hosea 1:3b-9**, ...she conceived and bore him a son.

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Hosea, “Call him Jezreel, because I will soon punish the house of Jehu for the massacre at Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of Israel.”<sup>5</sup> In that day I will break Israel’s bow in the Valley of Jezreel.”

<sup>6</sup> Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the LORD said to Hosea, “Call her Lo-Ruhamah (which means “not loved”), for I will no longer show love to Israel, that I should at all forgive them.”<sup>7</sup> Yet I will show love to Judah; and I will save them—not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but I, the LORD their God, will save them.”<sup>8</sup> After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son.<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said, “Call him Lo-Ammi (which means “not my people”), for you are not my people, and I am not your God.

### III. God warns us that sin has consequences. Hosea 1:3b-9

In **Hosea 1**, the children’s names were reminders that sin always leaves brokenness and consequences.

- Jezreel – Scattered
- Lo-ruhamah – No mercy
- Lo-ammi – Not my people

**Hosea 1: 10-11**, *“Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ they will be called ‘children of the living God.’”*<sup>11</sup> *The people of Judah and the people of Israel will come together; they will appoint one leader and will come up out of the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel.*

#### **IV. God wants us to remember that His love is relentless- even when life hurts most.**

**Hosea 1:10-11, Romans 5:8, Matthew 11:28**

**Romans 5:8**, *But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.*

**\*How will you respond to God’s relentless love today?**

**Matthew 11:28**, *Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*