



SHELTER

A close-up photograph of several people's hands clasped together in a circle, symbolizing unity and support. The hands are of various skin tones and are wearing different colored sleeves (red, green, blue, grey, yellow). The background is dark and out of focus.

Discipleship Groups
MS: Sundays @10:30am
HS: Saturdays @11am (Starting Saturday
the 22nd)



Fundraiser 1: Bake Sale

- When: Sunday, February 13th
- Times: Arrive Early (8am)
- Work: Baking, Packaging, Selling Cookies.



SundayFunday: Malibu Jacks Trip

Cost: \$20 (Plus Extra
Cash for Attractions)

When: February 20th
After Church

Where: Ashland KY

What to Wear:
Sneakers, Jeans/
Shorts, T-Shirt.





MISSION

TRIP

June 11th-

June 18th



Spring Spec: April 8th-10th

A close-up photograph of a hand with fingers spread, set against a dark, moody background. The lighting is soft and focused on the hand, creating a sense of depth and texture. The text "Prayer Time" is centered over the palm area in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

Prayer Time

THE MINOR PROPHETS



HOSEA

FROM BROKEN TO BRAND NEW





Context



Historic Context

For Generations, the two kingdoms, Israel and Judah, had been ruled by the Assyrian empire. However, after the death of one of its most important kings, Assyria lost its influence over both of the kingdoms.



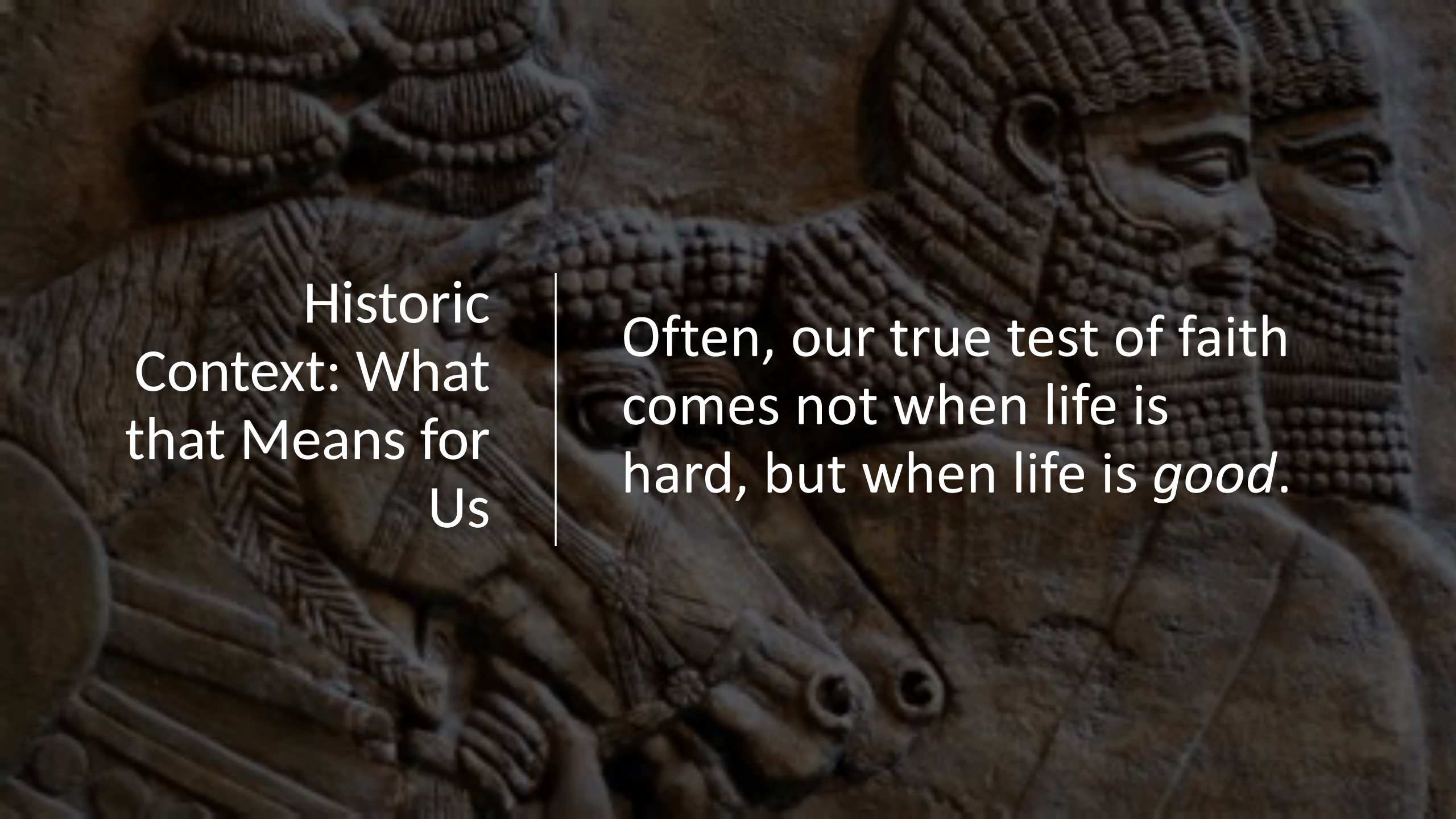
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Because of this, both kingdoms experienced a boom of economic and political power that they hadn't had for hundreds and hundreds of years.



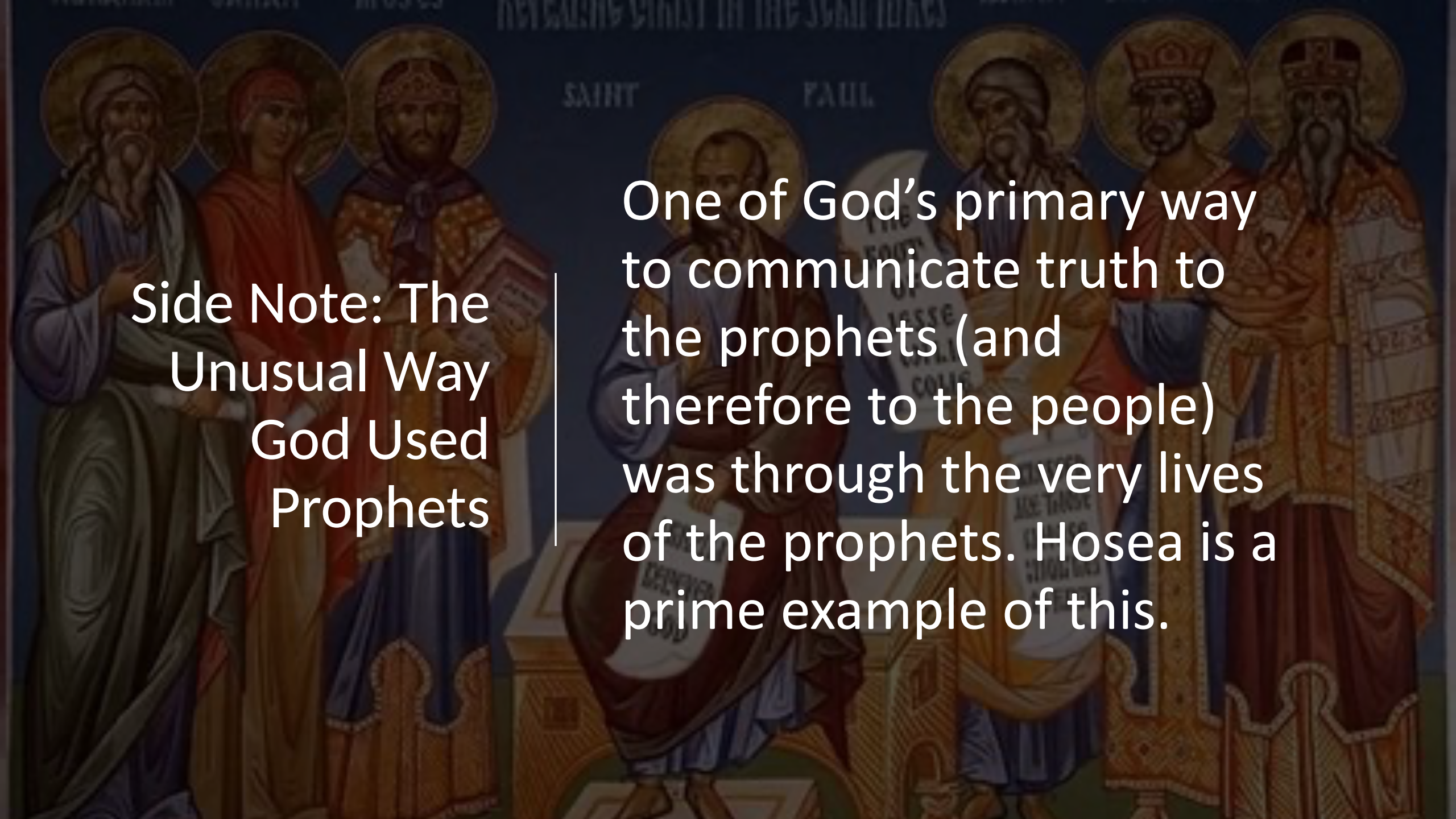
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However, instead of using this newfound freedom to worship God again, both kingdoms continued to worship the gods of their previous overlords. This is when Hosea steps in.



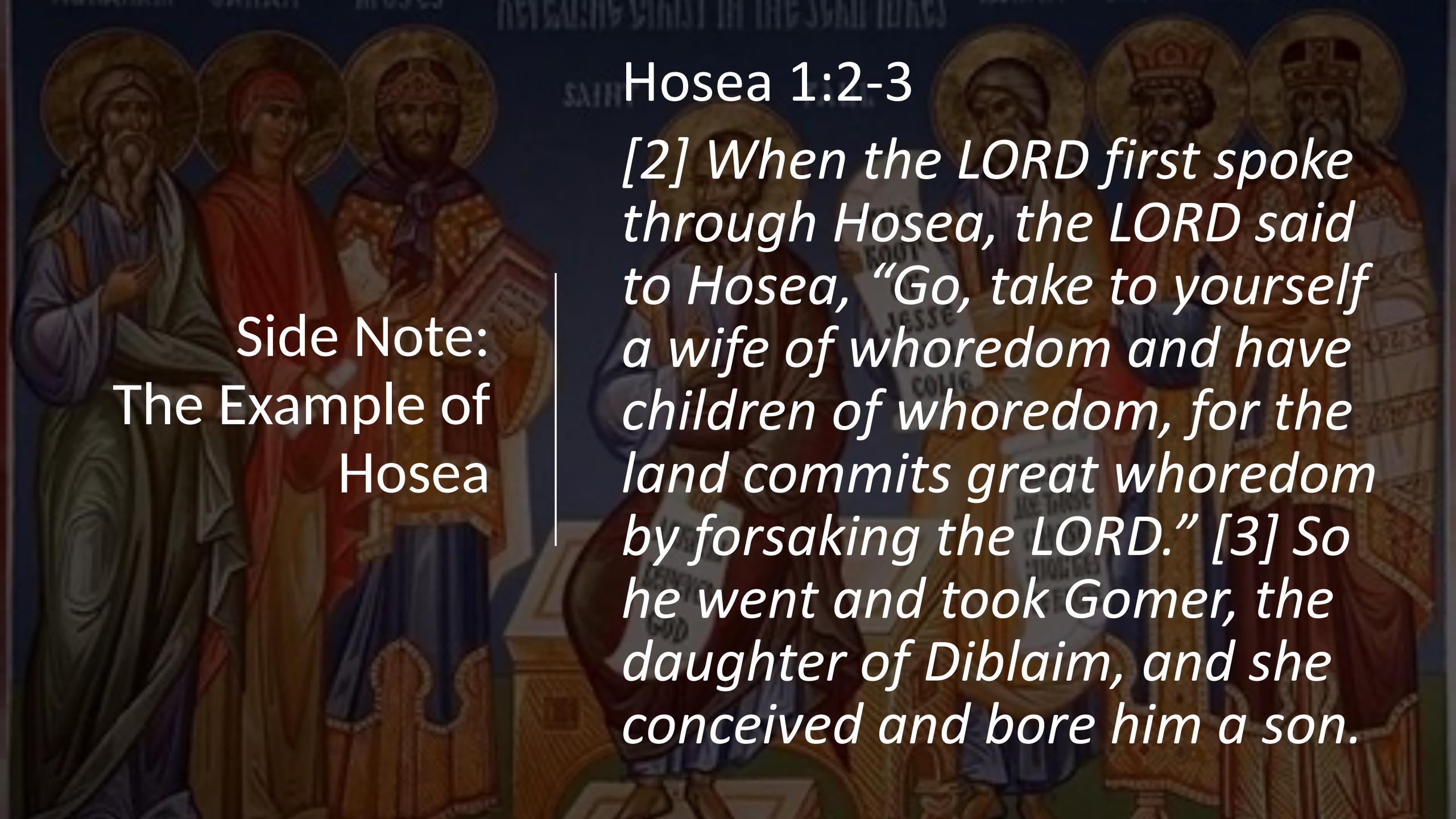
Historic
Context: What
that Means for
Us

Often, our true test of faith
comes not when life is
hard, but when life is *good*.



Side Note: The
Unusual Way
God Used
Prophets

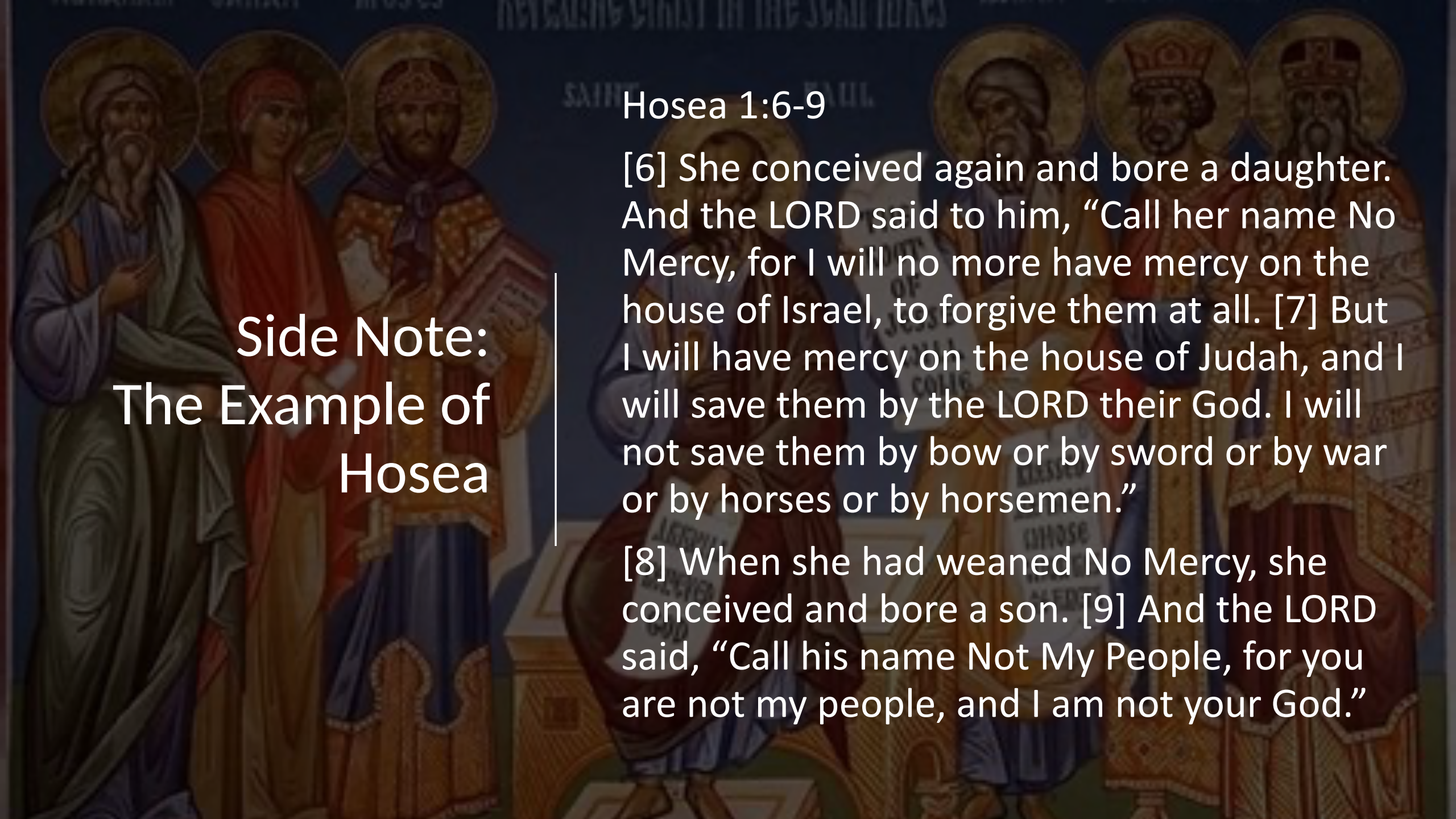
One of God's primary way to communicate truth to the prophets (and therefore to the people) was through the very lives of the prophets. Hosea is a prime example of this.



Side Note:
The Example of
Hosea

Hosea 1:2-3

[2] When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." [3] So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.



Side Note: The Example of Hosea

Hosea 1:6-9

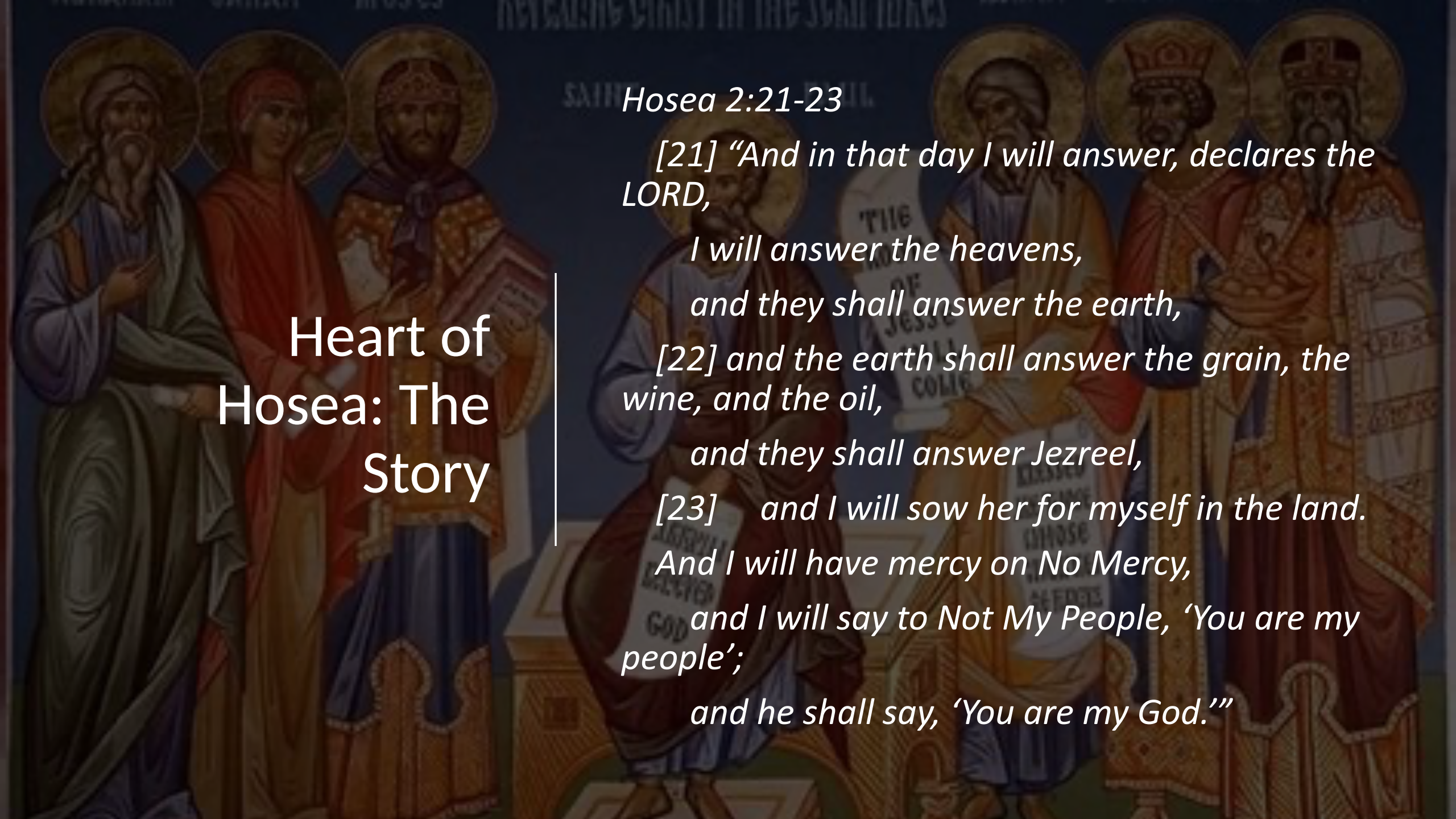
[6] She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the LORD said to him, “Call her name No Mercy, for I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all. [7] But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God. I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen.”

[8] When she had weaned No Mercy, she conceived and bore a son. [9] And the LORD said, “Call his name Not My People, for you are not my people, and I am not your God.”



Heart of Hosea


ΤΑ ΔΕΛΕ
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Heart of Hosea: The Story


Hosea 3

And the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins." So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. And I said to her, "You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you." For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.



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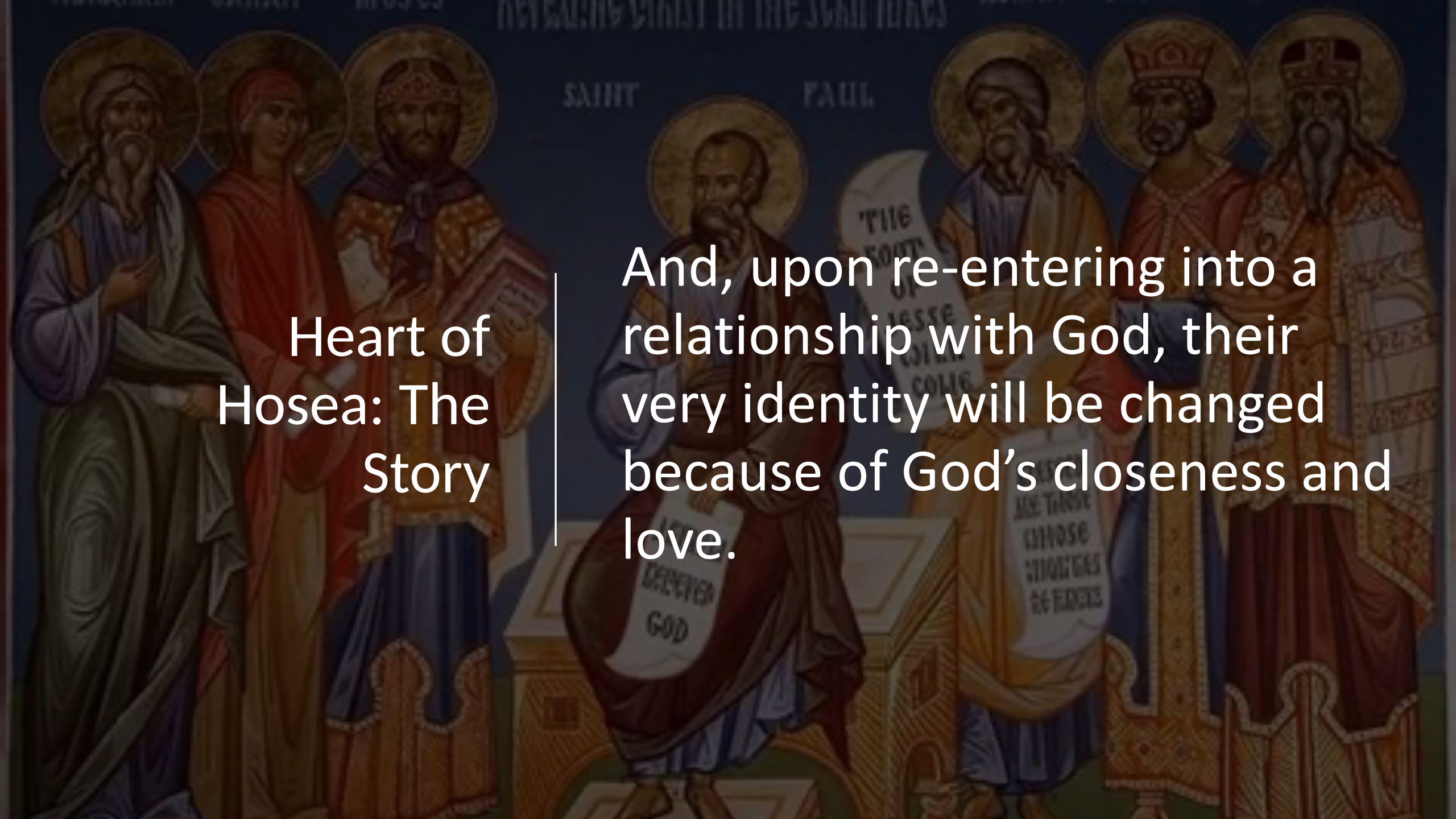
God uses this story to illustrate his love for the people of Israel and Judah *despite* their infidelity to God.

The background is a religious illustration. On the left, three figures are shown: a man in a blue robe, a woman in a red robe, and a man in a blue and gold robe. In the center, a man in a brown robe holds a scroll that reads "JESUS BELIEVED GOD". To his right, another man in a blue and gold robe holds a scroll that reads "THE ROOT OF JESSE WILL BRING FORTH A SHOOT". Further right, a man in a red and blue robe holds a scroll that reads "BLESSED WHOSE WOUNDS HE EATS". On the far right, two men in gold and red robes, one wearing a crown, are depicted. The text "SAINT PAUL" is visible above the central figure. The overall scene is set against a dark blue background with gold accents.

Heart of Hosea: The Story

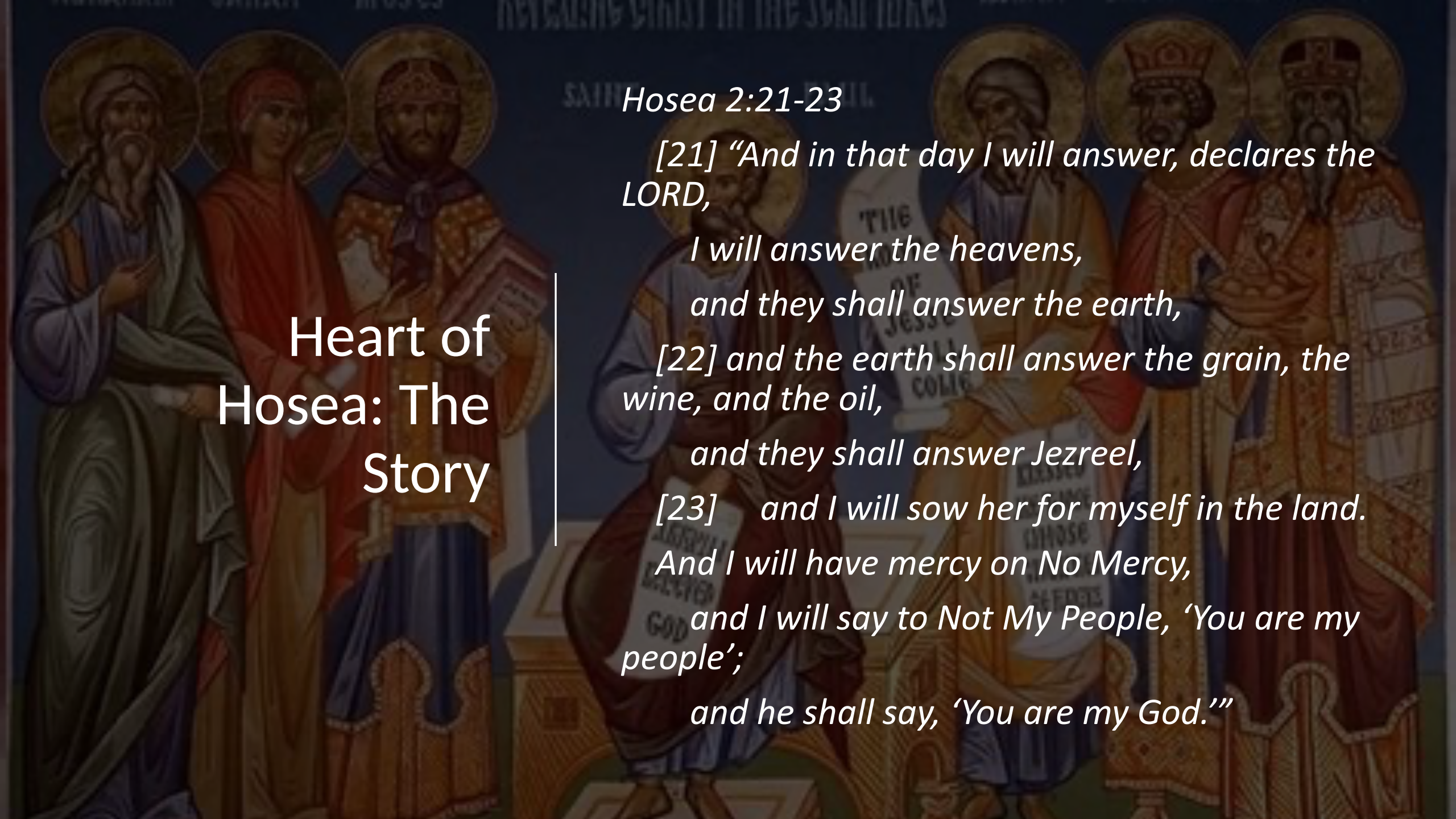
Hosea 2:14

[14] "Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her."

A religious painting depicting several saints, including Saint Paul, with text overlaid. The painting shows a group of figures in traditional ecclesiastical attire. One figure in the center holds a scroll with the text 'I BELIEVED IN GOD'. Another figure to the right holds a scroll with 'THE FEET OF JESSE'. The background is dark blue with gold accents. The text 'SAINT PAUL' is visible above the central figure. The overall style is reminiscent of a stained-glass window or a religious tapestry.

Heart of
Hosea: The
Story

Not only was God going to *forgive* the people who had left Him, He was going to *woo* them as one going after something highly valued.

The background features a detailed illustration of several saints in traditional ecclesiastical attire. On the left, a saint with a long white beard and a halo is shown in profile, wearing a blue and white robe. Next to him is a woman in a red and gold robe. In the center, a man with a halo and a blue and gold robe is depicted. To the right, another man with a halo and a blue and gold robe is shown. Further right, a man wearing a crown and a red and gold robe is depicted. On the far right, a man with a halo and a blue and gold robe is shown. The scene is set in a church with a wooden floor and a blue wall. The text is overlaid on this background.

Heart of Hosea: The Story

Hosea 2:21-23

[21] “And in that day I will answer, declares the LORD,

*I will answer the heavens,
and they shall answer the earth,*

*[22] and the earth shall answer the grain, the
wine, and the oil,*

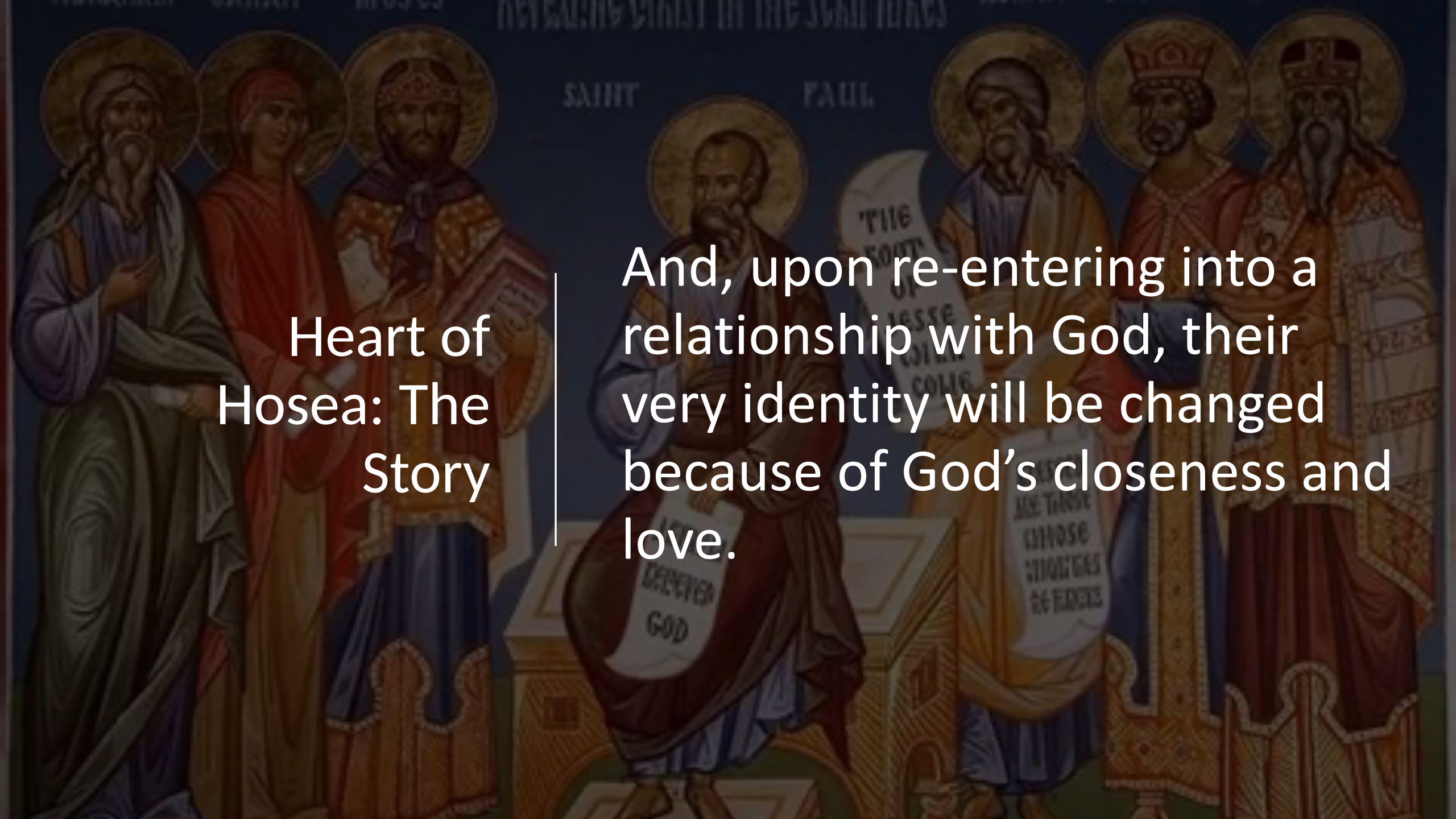
and they shall answer Jezreel,

[23] and I will sow her for myself in the land.

And I will have mercy on No Mercy,

*and I will say to Not My People, ‘You are my
people’;*

and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’”



Heart of
Hosea: The
Story

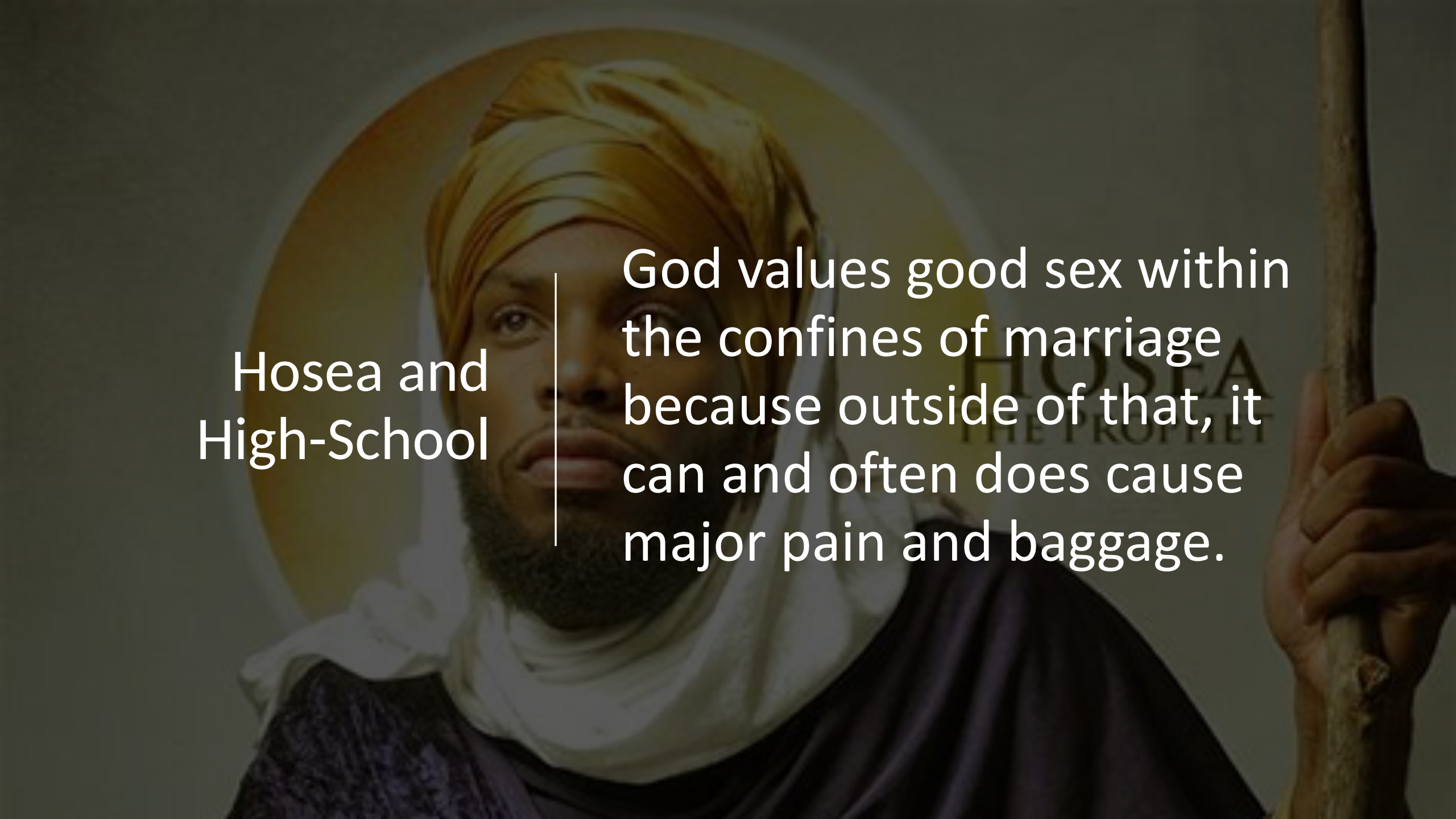
And, upon re-entering into a relationship with God, their very identity will be changed because of God's closeness and love.



GOOD

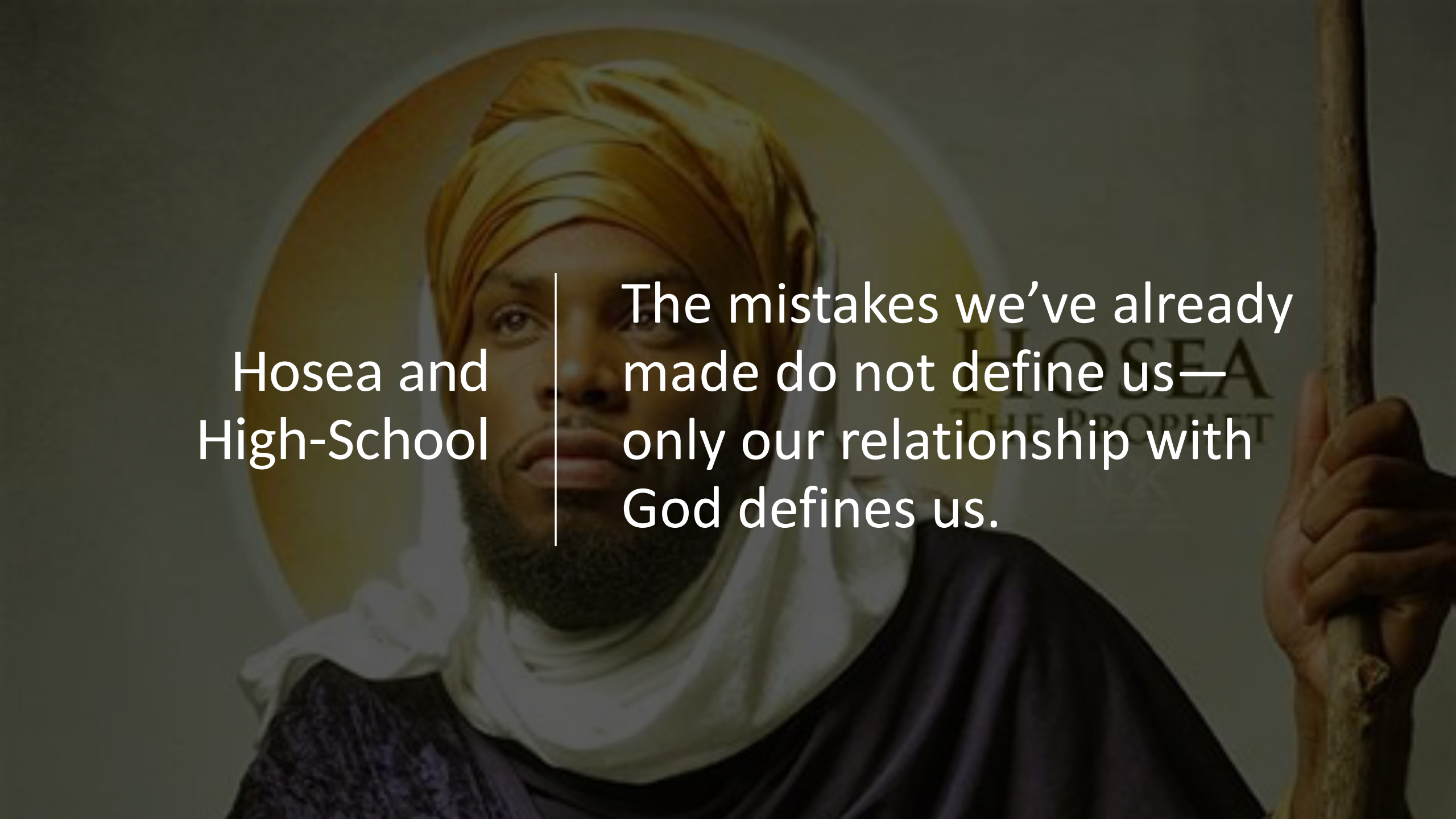
Hosea and High-School

THROUGH THE PROPHETS



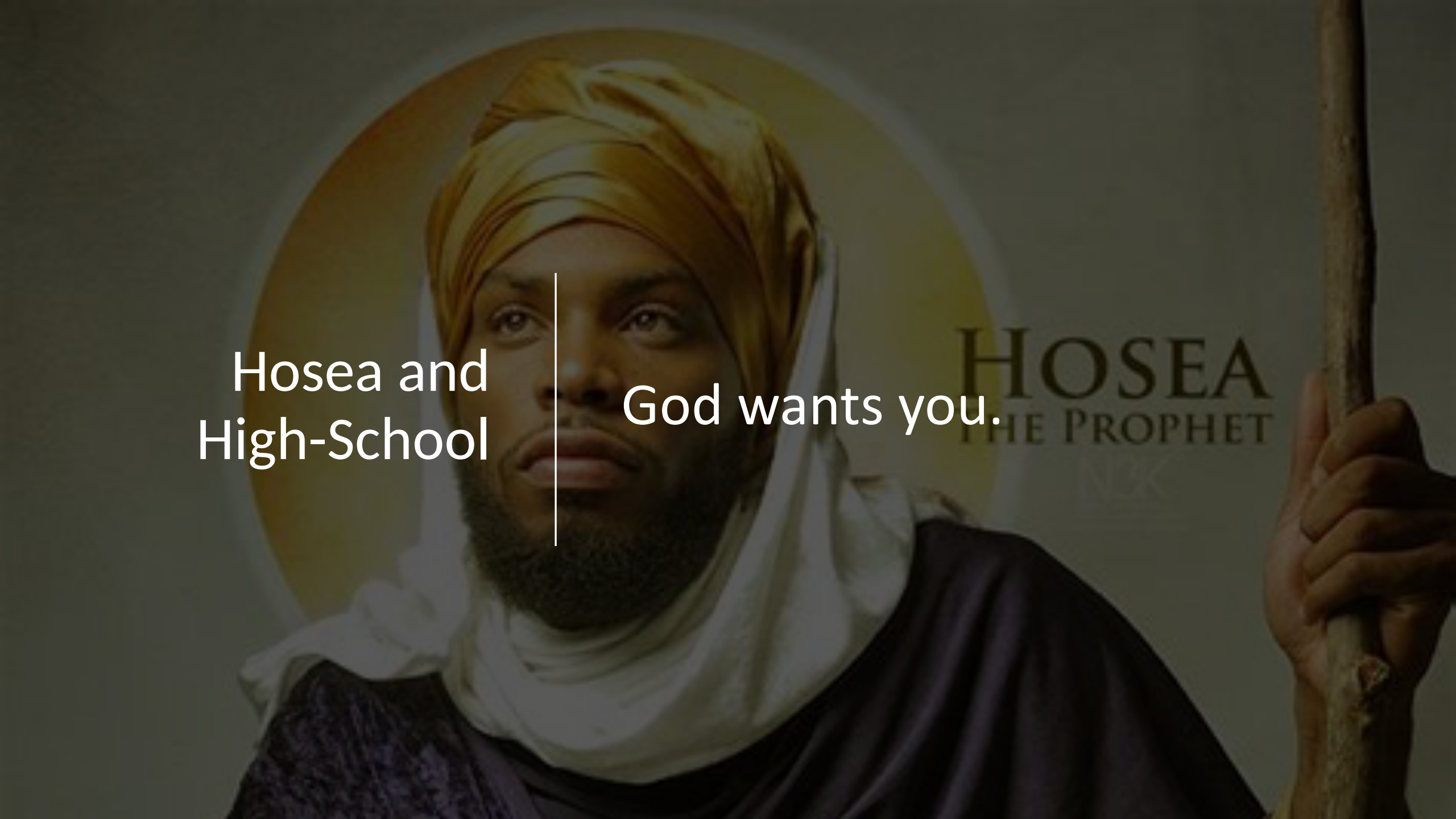
Hosea and
High-School

God values good sex within
the confines of marriage
because outside of that, it
can and often does cause
major pain and baggage.



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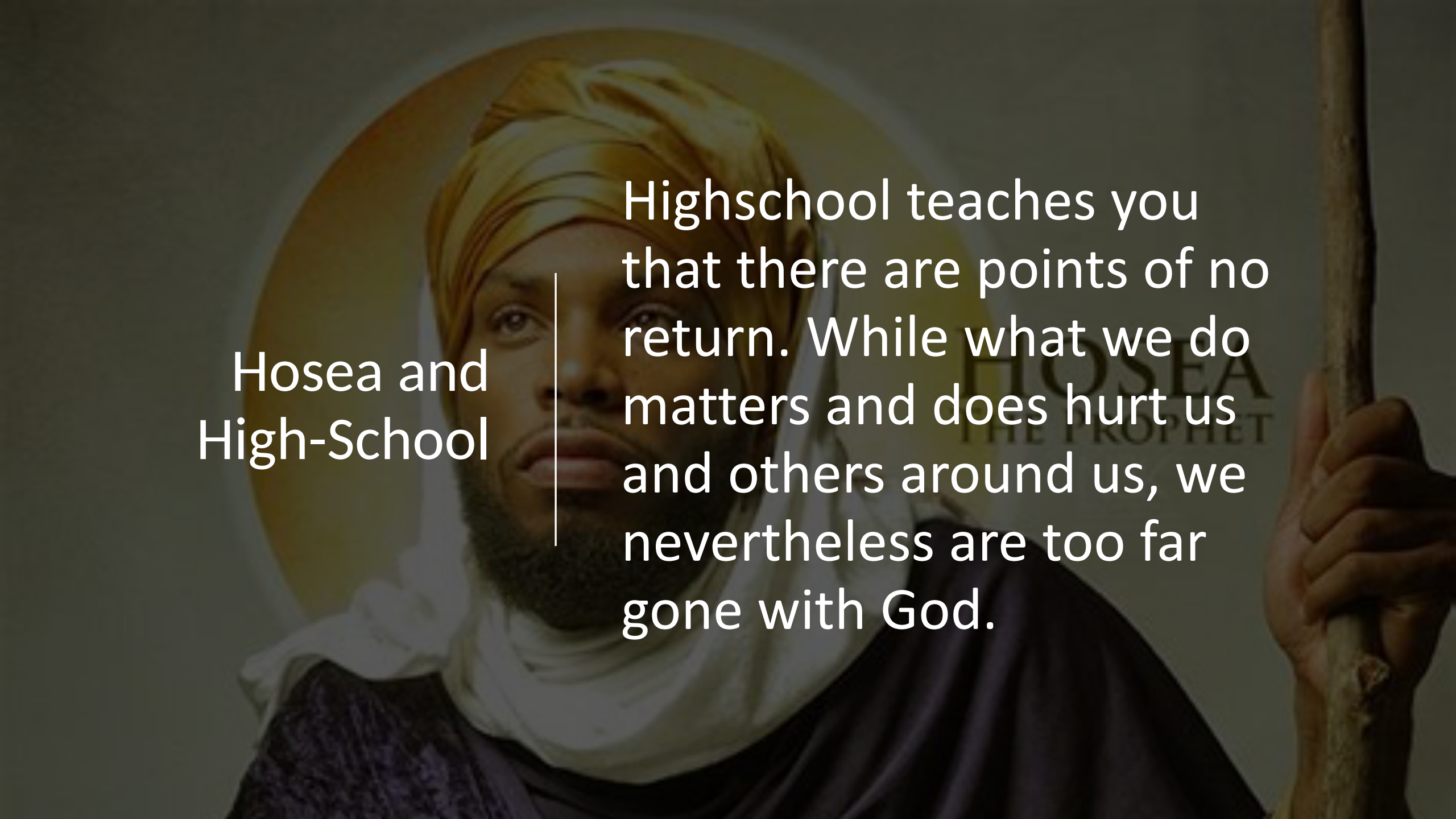
The mistakes we've already
made do not define us—
only our relationship with
God defines us.



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God wants you.

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Highschool teaches you that there are points of no return. While what we do matters and does hurt us and others around us, we nevertheless are too far gone with God.