

# Astounding Affection

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

## God Has **ASTOUNDING AFFECTION** for His People

*And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

—Ephesians 3:17b-19 (NIV)

*7 I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.*

—Exodus 6:7 (ESV)

*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.”*

—Hosea 1:2 (ESV)

### 1. God **AGONIZES** Over the Unfaithfulness of His People

*3 So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. 4 And the LORD said to him, “Call his name Jezreel, for in just a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. 5 And on that day I will break the bow of Israel*

*in the Valley of Jezreel.”*

*—Hosea 1:3-5 (ESV)*

## **God’s Response to The Unfaithfulness of His People**

### *A. God will UPROOT*

*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.*

*—Hosea 1:6 (ESV)*

### *B. God will WITHHOLD Mercy*

*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.”*

*—Hosea 1:8-9 (ESV)*

### *C. God will DISOWN*

## **2. God Loves His People INTENSELY**

*21 “And in that day... 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.’ ”*

*—Hosea 2:21, 23 (ESV)*

## **God’s Reconciliation with His People**

### *A. God Will Bring His People BACK*

### *B. God Will SHOW Mercy*

### *C. God Will OWN His People Again*

## **3. God’s Love is INEXHAUSTIBLE**