

Hosea – An Unlikely Love Story

A Sermon Series called "In His Steps"
Major Lessons from the Minor Prophets

1. The _____ begins.

"When the LORD began to speak through Hosea, the LORD said to him, 'Go, take to yourself an adulterous wife and children of unfaithfulness, because the land is guilty of the vilest adultery in departing from the LORD.' So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son."

Hosea 1:2-3

2. S _____ breaks down relationships.

"Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the LORD said to Hosea, 'Call her Lo-Ruhamah, for I will not longer show love to the house of Israel, that I should at all forgive them.' After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son. Then the LORD said, 'Call him Lo-Ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not your God."

Hosea 1:6, 8-9

3. We have a _____.

"The LORD said to me, 'Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes.' So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and lethek of barley. 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 live with you.'"

Hosea 3:1-3

4. Do you _____ him?

"Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear."

Hosea 6:3