

## Hosea's Wayward Wife - Hosea 1:1-3:5

**Topics:** Acceptance, Adultery, Blessing, Children, Consequences, God, Husbands, Judgment, Life-style, Love, Loyalty, Marriage, Name, Obedience, Peace, People, Promises, Prophecy, Punishment, Reconciliation, Relationships, Repentance, Restoration, Sin, Unfaithfulness, Wives

### Open It

1. If someone were to select a spouse for you, whom would you trust to make the best choice?
2. What do you like about your name?
- \* 3. What qualities do you cherish about the person who loves you most?

### Explore It

4. Who was Hosea? (1:1)
5. When did the Lord speak to the prophet? (1:1)
6. What did the Lord instruct Hosea to do? (1:2-2:1)
- \* 7. What was the symbolism of Hosea's family? (1:2-2:1)
8. How did Hosea feel about Gomer? (2:2-13)
9. What did God say to Israel through Hosea's words? (2:2-13)
10. What did the Lord plan to do to win Israel back to himself? (2:14-15)
11. By what name would renewed Israel acknowledge her Lord? (2:16)
12. What would God prohibit? (2:17)
13. What would accompany Israel's return to the land? (2:18)
14. What would mark the new relationship between the Lord and Israel? (2:19-23)
- \* 15. What commands did the Lord give Hosea? (3:1)
16. How did Hosea respond to the Lord? (3:2-3)
17. What did Gomer's lengthy probation portray? (3:4)
- \* 18. What would happen after Israel's period of isolation? (3:5)

### Get It

19. What do you expect from God when you "betray" Him repeatedly?
- \* 20. How do you tend to deal with a loved one who has wronged you in some way?
21. How should Christians deal with people in the church who commit adultery?
- \* 22. How is God's faithfulness to us an example of the way we should treat others?
23. What are the "idols" in your life from which you should turn away?
24. What bruised or broken family relationship of yours needs the healing touch of the Lord?
25. What does this passage say to you about the consequences of sin?
26. In what ways do you think people's attitudes toward morality have changed over the past ten years?
27. How would you describe the influence of the church on the morals of our society?
28. How can you intervene in someone else's life to be a force of renewal?

### Apply It

29. What step can you take each day to help maintain your faithfulness to the Lord?
30. What loyalties, things, or relationships do you need to hand over to God?
- \* 31. How can you show love and acceptance to someone in your church in desperate need of forgiveness or affirmation?