

Cornerstone Message Notes

"The Faithful God Keeps Loving Unfaithful People" (The Book of Hosea)

"The Greatest Stories of the Bible" series - part 15 of 16

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THEME

(The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

The story of Hosea & Gomer is the story of God & you and God & me.

APPLICATION

(What to Do with What You Hear)

Let God's relentless love bring you to a deep place of gratitude & trust.

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FOCUS

(The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

"Dude, she's cheating on you. Didn't you know she was a prostitute before you married her? And now she's back to it? Kick her to the curb & move on."

Perhaps that's the world's conditional love's verdict, but Agape love's verdict is "I won't let go. I can't do that. My love for her isn't broken by her behavior. I won't stop loving her no matter what she does. I cannot love her more & I will not love her less."

Should we just pause now & ponder that for the time remaining?

Seriously, the Book of Hosea is scandalous. How could someone possibly keep loving someone who continually trashes the heart of the one who loves him or her? How in the world could such really exist? What would it be like to be loved by someone who refuses to stop loving you?

May this morning's message break our hearts only to then heal them.

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What We Learn About God & Us from the Book of Hosea

1. HOSEA'S love for GOMER is a
METAPHOR of GOD'S love for US.

Hosea is God & Gomer is you & me.

Hosea 1:1-3ff / 2:14ff

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2. We CANNOT SIN God's LOVE AWAY.

This is not a license to sin, it's a call to stop sinning.

Hosea 3:1-5 / Hosea 11 & 14

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3. LOVE is a CHOICE. GOD has MADE His FOREVER

At its core, God's love is a choice He made & keeps on making.

1 John 3:1-3

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Making It Real Questions

- 1] Do you see yourself in Gomer? Haven't we all be unfaithful to God?
- 2] Can you truly say your heart's desire is for God's love to change your heart's desires?
- 3] Will you choose to respond in love to God's choice to keep loving you?

Action Step

Read the entire Book of Hosea in one sitting. Write a response to God for loving you.