

# Unfailing Love



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<sup>2</sup> When the LORD first began speaking to Israel through Hosea, he said to him, “Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution. This will illustrate how Israel has acted like a prostitute by turning against the LORD and worshipping other gods.” <sup>3</sup> So Hosea married Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she became pregnant and gave Hosea a son.  
Hosea 1:2-3 (NLT)

## The Most Common Marriage Misconception

- What I’m missing is \_\_\_\_\_ than what I \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>5</sup> .... She said, ‘I’ll run after other lovers and sell myself to them for food and water, for clothing of wool and linen, and for olive oil and drinks.’  
Hosea 2:5 (NLT)

## God’s Response to Spiritual Adultery

- Righteous \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>8</sup> She doesn’t realize it was I who gave her everything she has—the grain, the new wine, the olive oil; I even gave her silver and gold. But she gave all my gifts to Baal. <sup>9</sup> “But now I will take back the ripened grain and new wine I generously provided each harvest season. I will take away the wool and linen clothing I gave her to cover her nakedness. <sup>10</sup> I will strip her naked in public, while all her lovers look on. No one will be able to rescue her from my hands.  
Hosea 2:8-10 (NLT)

- Unfailing \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>14</sup> “But then I will win her back once again. I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her there. <sup>15</sup> I will return her vineyards to her and transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of hope. She will give herself to me there, as she did long ago when she was young, when I freed her from her captivity in Egypt. Hosea 2:14-15 (NLT)

## God’s Message for the Betrayed Spouse

- Forgive and love as you’ve been \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to me, “Go and love your wife again, even though she commits adultery with another lover. This will illustrate that the LORD still loves Israel, even though the people have turned to other gods and love to worship them.”  
Hosea 3:1 (NLT)

<sup>12</sup> I said, ‘Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you.’

Hosea 10:12 (NLT)

## My Next Step Today Is To...

- Believe and receive Jesus as my Savior and Lord.
- Married - Openly discuss with my spouse specific ways we can work together to prevent unfaithfulness and create more accountability in our marriage.
- Single - talk with someone I trust about ways that they can help me be faithful in all of my relationships.
- Thank God for His unfailing love, faithfulness and forgiveness. Ask Him to help you to extend those same things to those around you.
- Meditate on and/or memorize Hosea 10:12