

# Unfailing Love

God offers grace to His rebellious people



**GOD'S STORY**  
THE TRANSFORMATION FOR ADULT LIFEGROUPS

**Hosea 3**

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(Hosea 3:1-5) <sup>1</sup>The Lord said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes." <sup>2</sup>So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. <sup>3</sup>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 behave the same way toward you." <sup>4</sup>For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or household gods. <sup>5</sup>Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the Lord and to his blessings in the last days.

## COMMUNITY – CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER

- What is a more hurtful charge against a spouse: "You cheated on me," or "You ignored me?" Explain.
- What makes forgiving an unfaithful spouse so difficult? What steps might be required to repair a marriage broken because of an unfaithful spouse?

## CONTENT – EXPLORING GOD'S STORY

Have a volunteer read Hosea 3:1

- Think about the Lord's instruction from Hosea's view – how do you think he felt? What questions what he have for God?
- Think about the Lord's instruction from Gomer's point of view. How do you think she felt? What questions would she have for God?
- How would you describe Hosea's love for Gomer? How does Hosea's love for Gomer compare to God's love for His people?
- How did Hosea's life experience give him a glimpse into God's heart?

Have a volunteer read Hosea 3:2-3

- What does the price paid and his willingness to pay that price reveal about Hosea's love for Gomer? What does the price Jesus paid for our salvation reveal about His love for us?
- How did the stipulations placed on Gomer restore trust? What impact would her meeting these expectations have on their future?
- What expectations are placed on believers after salvation? What actions might a believer take to demonstrate that he or she is trustworthy?

Have a volunteer read Hosea 3:4-5

- How can religious practices get in the way of a real relationship with God? How have you seen a practice become a substitute for a growing relationship with God?
- How does Hosea's life serve as an example of what God was promising the Israelites?
- What characteristics of God are demonstrated in this passage? How does God demonstrate those characteristics today?

## COMMISSION – ENGAGING IN GOD’S STORY

- Ask God to show you areas in your life where you have been unfaithful to Him. What actions do you need to take based on what God shows you?
- How can you demonstrate God’s love to someone who has hurt you or who is living in rebellion against God? What steps do you need to take immediately to demonstrate God’s love to them?
- Who do you know that needs to know that God loves them and sent His Son so they could be free from sin and be restored to Him? How can you use Hosea’s story to communicate that to them?

**PRAYER:** Thank the Lord for loving us in spite of our unfaithfulness to Him. Ask Him to help us remain faithful to Him, being intentional in sharing His love with others.

## CONTINUE TO JOURNEY THROUGH GOD’S STORY

Bible Reading Plan:

DAY 1 – Isaiah 6, 9  
 DAY 2 – Isaiah 44-45  
 DAY 3 – Isaiah 52-53  
 DAY 4 – Isaiah 65-66  
 DAY 5 – Micah 1, 4:6-13, 5

KEY VERSE: Isaiah 53:5

H.E.A.R. Method:

Highlight a verse or two.  
 Explain what the text means.  
 Apply the verse to your life.  
 Respond to God.

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 GOD together and BE CHANGED by Him in a  
 way that will CHANGE THE WORLD.