

The 12: Hosea Part One

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

Hosea and Gomer's marriage is actually about God and His people

The Bible often uses the image of marriage to talk about our relationship with God.

*Why do you think God uses this metaphor to describe Him and us so often?

*Where are some other examples of this in the Scriptures?

*How do you imagine Hosea felt in this situation? Gomer?

This relationship between God and us was never meant to be one of a master/slave

It was supposed to be mutuality and intimacy and vulnerability ...like a marriage.

Read and discuss Hosea 2:14-16(NIV)

¹⁴ "Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her.

¹⁵ There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. There she will respond as in the days of her youth, as in the day she came up out of Egypt.

¹⁶ "In that day," declares the LORD, "you will call me 'my husband'; you will no longer call me 'my master.'"

*What do these verses show us about God? About our relationship with Him?

*How has betrayal and rejection gotten in the way of our relationship with God?

The day that Hosea promised has now come through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Read and discuss Hosea 2:23(NIV)

I will show my love to the one I called 'Not my loved one.' I will say to those called 'Not my people,' 'You are my people'; and they will say, 'You are my God.'"

And 1 Peter 2:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*What do these verses show us about our standing with God?

*Why do we tend to offer obedience and behavior instead of our hearts? What does that do to our relationship?

*What does it look like for you to be in a marriage with God?

*Where have you seen Him wooing you with a deep love recently?

Visual reflection (Visio Divina) [Hosea and Gomer](#) by Cody Miller

Song for reflection [Not Living in the In Between](#) by Bebo Norman