

“The Passionate and Broken Heart of God”

Getting Started

- ◆ Tell us about the first time your heart was broken
- ◆ Tell us about the first time you broke someone’s heart
- ◆ What is your favorite breakup song

Going Deeper

Read [Hosea 1:1-3](#). What would it have been like for Hosea to marry a woman he knew would cheat on him?

What does story teach us about obedience?

How does Hosea’s marriage represent God and his relationship to Israel?
How does Hosea’s marriage represent God and his relationship with us?

Read [Hosea 2:1-8](#)

What do you think might have been happening in Gomer’s heart and her head that caused her to look to another man?

How was the nation of Israel unfaithful to God?

How are we unfaithful to God? What are temptations lure us into running away from God?

In Jilane’s message on Sunday she said, *“The desire for more is a warning sign that we have moved away and have distanced ourselves from God.”* How can we lessen our attachment to the things of the world and increase our attachment to God?

Read [Hosea 2:13](#)

In what ways have Gomer and Israel “forgotten” their husband?

How does ingratitude affect our relationship with our parents, our spouse, our co-workers, and our God?

Take a moment to practice gratitude. Name 5 things in your life that God has given you:

Read [Hosea 6:6](#) (note: mercy in this verse can also be translated to “steadfast love”)

Often times on social media the photos that are posted don’t reflect what is really going on in someone’s life or heart. According to Hosea 6:6 How was Israel taking “Spiritual Selfies” (their outside didn’t match their inside).

When is it possible that our “spiritual outside” doesn’t match up with our “spiritual inside”?

Read [Hosea 2:14-15](#)

What is God’s response to Israel’s unfaithfulness?

In what ways does our unfaithfulness cause us to be in a Valley of Trouble?

Read [John 3:16](#) and [Hosea 3:1-3](#). What does God command Hosea to do and why?

How does this chapter represent what God would do for us through Jesus Christ ([Romans 6:23](#)).

What do you discover about God’s Heart through Hosea?

CLOSING: Who Are You In This Story

Hosea—has God asked you to do something difficult? Find someone to pray for you and your commitment to obedience even though there is no promise of “joy” from it.

Israel—are you indifferent to God, happy to ignore Him, have other priorities in your life, you love things more than God. This is a warning.

Gomer—are you in the Valley of Trouble, have the choices you’ve made moved you away from the one who Loves you? Are you broken? Do you need the One who Loves you to allure you, speak tenderly to you and recommit His love to you?

Read [Hosea 2:14-15](#) and [3:1-3](#) again and know this is God’s promise to you!