



## What About the Kids?

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HOSEA 1

Some of life's greatest joys happen in family – but also some of its deepest pains, hurts and heartaches. In this series, we will work through the challenging book of Hosea to discover hope in seemingly hopeless places.

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## NOTES

*“Life is easy. All you have to do is put up with the intolerable, overcome the insurmountable and achieve the impossible.” – Anonymous*

“Life – it’s nothing like the brochure.”

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### **Does my family have a future?**

“Jesus said, ‘It is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven.’”

*MATTHEW 19:23*

Material success tends to camouflage and blind us to our spiritual needs.

**Awareness of our personal need is the doorway to God’s kingdom blessing.**

**Having a long-term love relationship with a human being is a ‘complicated’ thing.**

The book of Hosea is a true love story but it’s also tragic – containing huge disappointment but also hope that won’t die and love that won’t let go. It is a mirror of what God is going through with Israel at the time.

### **How would God try to get His people’s attention?**

Let Hosea’s life mirror the pain and heartache God is feeling.

“When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, ‘Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her. For like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness.’”

*HOSEA 1:2*

“So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.”

*HOSEA 1:3*

“Then the Lord said to Hosea, ‘Call him Jezreel, because I will soon punish the house of Jehu for the massacre at Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of Israel.’”

*HOSEA 1:4*

“In that day I will break Israel’s bow in the Valley of Jezreel.”



HOSEA 1:5

“Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the Lord said to Hosea, ‘Call her Lo-Ruhamah, for I will no longer show love to the house of Israel, that I should at all forgive them.’”

HOSEA 1:6

“Yet I will show love to the house of Judah; and I will save them – not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but by the Lord their God.”

HOSEA 1:7

“After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son. Then the Lord said, ‘Call him Lo-Ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.’”

HOSEA 1:8-9

### **Three things to learn about:**

1. God, Israel and the story of salvation God was bringing to the world
2. God and our hurts and heartaches when disappointment comes home
3. Christ Journey offers hope and help for when family gets “complicated”

### **God is a God of justice and mercy. We are accountable to God for how we treat people.**

“In the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ they will be called ‘sons of the Living God.’”

HOSEA 1:10

Even though Israel was unfaithful to God, God would keep his covenant with them.

### **God is not absent when hurt and heartaches come. He enters the pain and the story.**

“I will show love to the house of Judah; and I will save them...”

HOSEA 1:7

### **God is not absent. He is present and ready to save.**

Just as Hosea was there to bring God’s truth and hope in that time, the Church is here in our time to help in all our relationships.

Jezreel means “scattered”. The other two names of Hosea’s children mean “not loved” and “not mine.” Family feels like that sometimes.



Though Israel had broken her vow to God and broken herself in the process, God's promise would bring hope into the hurt to restore.

"In the place where it was said, 'You are not my people,' they will be called, 'children of the Living God.' The people of Judah and Israel will come together. They will appoint one leader and will come up out of the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel."

*HOSEA 1:10-11*

- We believe in God's hope for our homes.
- We believe brokenness doesn't get the final word. Hope does.
- We believe God redeems us in Christ to receive full adoption in God's family.
- We believe our Church is part of God's hope for the world. We have a message to share.
- We believe God is ready in Christ to show love and to save.

**Nothing is too hard for God.**

