



## When The Vow Breaks

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HOSEA 2-3

100% of all couples have trouble. What are you going to do when trouble comes? As we look at the story of Hosea, we learn that it's God who is going through the pain of rejection from His beloved, Israel. She prefers the company of false gods to the real thing, but God has a marriage dream for his people with him that is larger than their infidelity.

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## NOTES

What are you going to do when trouble comes?

Every person of every couple has infinite worth to God. Christ gave himself in love for each one of us.

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*“To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal...To love is to be vulnerable.” – C.S. Lewis*

In Hosea, it's God who is going through the pain of rejection from His beloved, Israel. She prefers the company of false gods to the real thing.

God mirrors this heartache through Hosea's marriage to a woman that won't stay true to her vows.

### **GOD IS TORN.**

“Rebuke your mother, rebuke her, for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband. Let her remove the adulterous look from her face and the unfaithfulness from between her breasts. Otherwise, I will.....”

HOSEA 2:2-3

God lists twelve “I will's” to happen if she doesn't stop. His mood changes in the middle of His pain and He provides a new list of intentions and blessings... a new approach.

“I am going to allure her: I will lead her into the desert...I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor (trouble) a door of hope...”

HOSEA 2:14-15

“I will show my love to the one I called ‘Not my loved one!’”

HOSEA 2:23

God has a marriage dream for his people with him that is larger than their infidelity. God's love is bigger than their rebellion and sin.



When it comes to the complications and contradictions of human relationships:

- it's OK to not be OK
- be aware of your pain but be willing to turn it to promise

The people that matter most to us are many times the ones closest to our pain – sometimes even causing some of it.

Draw near to God and ask him to bring rest and renewal, healing and restored feeling to the places where we feel raw or numb.

Marriage is like a garden. When tended, it produces beauty and fruit. Don't let the weeds grow or the fertilizer pile up.

### **Bill & Lisa's Marriage Goals:**

- Make it last
- Make it fun
- Keep growing
- Turn pain into promise

Physical and spiritual adultery begin with disappointment and dissatisfaction (either real or imagined) which leads to:

1. Diversion of attention and affection from the beloved
2. Deterioration process over time
3. Deceptive fantasy, delusion about what your new love is going to do for you

“Guard your heart with all diligence for out of it flow the issues of life.”

*PROVERBS 4:23*

**Pay attention to the risks of anger, loneliness and fatigue. Let them push you closer to God, not away from Him.**

God is torn in chapter 2 but has turned in chapter 3. He tells Hosea to do the same with his wayward wife.

“The Lord said to me, ‘Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites though they turn to other gods...’”

*HOSEA 3:1*

“So I bought her for fifteen shekels and a homer and a lethek of barley.”



(6 ounces of silver and 10 bushels of barley)

*HOSEA 3:2*

“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 live with you.’”

*HOSEA 3:3*

“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.”

*HOSEA 3:5*

Jesus bought us out of slavery to sin by his own blood and brought us into his new covenant as his precious loved ones. That’s grace.

“Where sin abounded, grace abounded even more.”

*ROMANS 5:20*

