



HOSEA

Marry Who? | September 6, 2026

Hosea 1 | God uses Hosea to teach Israel a powerful lesson about its unfaithfulness and the consequences that come with adultery, even when it is spiritual.

SERMON OUTLINE

1. The Rebellion of God's People (Hosea 1:2-3)
 - a. The point in asking Hosea to marry "***a wife of whoredom***" and to "***have children of whoredom***" is that this terrible marriage was a picture of God's relationship with his people. Israel's "adultery" consisted of idolatry, sexual immorality, and oppression of the poor.
 - b. Relevant Scripture: Amos 2:6-8; Ezekiel 22:6-13; Jeremiah 7:5-10
2. The Reckoning of God's Judgment (Hosea 1:4-9)
 - a. God details how He will punish the Israelites by the names He gives the three children born by Gomer.
 - b. Relevant Scripture: Ezekiel 34:6-7
3. The Restoration of God's Grace (Hosea 1:10-11)
 - a. Despite the sin, and the punishment to follow, God promises through Hosea that the people of Israel will be restored.
 - b. Relevant Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:12-16.

APPLICATION

4. What are the characteristics of a good and enduring marriage?
5. How do these characteristics inform you about your "marriage" to Jesus?
 - a. ***Honest Communication*** – How is your prayer life?
 - b. ***Unwavering Trust*** – Do you trust God and His promises?
 - c. ***Shared Commitment*** – Do you live a life that is in agreement with God as reflected in the Holy Scriptures?
 - d. ***Healthy Conflict Resolution*** – Are you honest with God about your struggles and do you believe Him when he says, "I will never leave you nor forsake you?" How willing are you to repent and ask for forgiveness?
 - e. ***Devotion*** – This characteristic is reflected in intentional pursuit, sacrificial love, and wholehearted loyalty. Are these all true of your love for Jesus?