

Hosea's Difficult Marriage

This 5-day devotional guide is based on Hosea 1-3 and will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "Hosea's Difficult Marriage," in the preaching series, "Relentless Love." It may also be used as a guide for family devotions and is for the **week ending Saturday, February 14, 2026.**

Monday

Scripture: Hosea 1:1-11

Questions for Reflection

- What command did God give Hosea, and why was it unusual?
- What do the names of Hosea's children tell us about Israel's relationship with God?
- How does this passage reveal the seriousness of sin in God's eyes?
- When have you experienced the painful consequences of sin in your own life?

Questions for Children

- What did God tell Hosea to do?
- Why did Hosea give his children special names?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, help us understand how serious sin is and how much You desire our faithfulness. Teach us to turn away from sin and trust Your plan. Amen.

Tuesday

Scripture: Hosea 2:1-13

Questions for Reflection

- How does God describe Israel's unfaithfulness in this passage?
- What actions does God say He will take because of their sin?
- What does this teach us about God's holiness and justice?
- How do you respond when God confronts you about your sin?

Questions for Children

- Was Israel obeying God or disobeying Him?
- What did God say He would do because they disobeyed?

Prayer Prompt

Father, help us take Your warnings seriously. Give us hearts that turn back to You when we wander away. Amen.

Wednesday

Scripture: Hosea 2:14-23

Questions for Reflection

- What does God promise to do for Israel after their punishment?
- How does this passage show God's love and mercy?
- What does this teach us about God's desire for restoration?
- When have you experienced God's mercy after failure?

Questions for Children

- Did God stop loving Israel?
- What did God promise to do for them?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, thank You for loving us even when we fail. Help us trust Your mercy and live faithfully for You. Amen.

Thursday

Scripture: Hosea 3:1-5

Questions for Reflection

- What command did God give Hosea in this chapter?
- How does Hosea's obedience picture God's love for His people?
- What does this teach us about forgiveness and covenant love?
- How can you show faithful love to others, even when it's hard?

Questions for Children

- Who did Hosea go back to marry again?
- Why did Hosea do this?

Prayer Prompt

Father, help us love others like You love us—faithfully and patiently. Teach us to forgive as You forgive. Amen.

Friday

Scripture: Hosea 3:5

Questions for Reflection

- What future hope does God give His people in this verse?
- How does this promise point to Jesus Christ?
- What does this teach us about God's faithfulness to His covenant?
- How does this hope encourage you in your walk with God today?

Questions for Children

- Who will the people follow one day?
- Why is that good news?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, thank You for the hope we have in Jesus. Help us follow Him with all our hearts and trust Your faithful love. Amen.