

# 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.