

HOSEA STUDY

Lesson Four: “Unbroken Love from a Broken Heart” Hosea 3:1-5

INTRODUCTION

We never really know how much a person loves us until we know how much he or she is willing to SUFFER for us.

It is the SUFFERING that MEASURES the LOVE.

- Have you felt Hosea’s hurt and shame?
- Try to imagine how he feels when God tells him to “Go again, love this woman.”
- How could Hosea do it? Why would God ask him to do it?

To demonstrate the POWER of God’s love for us.

We see God’s love in three ways in this chapter:

- Go Again Love. (1)
- Action Love. (2)
- Disciplining Love. (3-5)

GO AGAIN LOVE (Hosea 3:1)

“AGAIN”

The “againness” of God’s love is to be Hosea’s purpose and passion.

“LOVE”

The word “love” is used four times in this verse.

GOD IS NOT LOOKING FOR FEELINGS BUT ACTIONS.

If we wait to FEEL LOVE, we will put off the ACTION required.

The question isn't how we FEEL, but what we are called to DO to SHOW LOVE.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

Who is the Gomer in my life?

To whom am I to go again and do what love demands?

ROMANS 5:5-8

ACTION LOVE (Hosea 3:2)

HOSEA'S LOVE FOR GOMER BEGINS BY BUYING HER FROM SLAVERY

Hosea bought her back for himself.

Jesus buys us back for Himself. (When we were without strength, ungodly, sinners.)

We can do no less.

DISCIPLINING LOVE (Hosea 3:3-5)

"STAY WITH ME."

It is the way God does His HEALING.

It is the time for learning the LESSONS we must learn.

Working OUT what God is working IN us.

As lessons are learned, they need to be PRACTICED until they become part of our lives.

We must “STAY WITH GOD” until old patterns are BROKEN and new ones BEGIN.

BETWEEN TIMES

WHAT HOSEA IS TALKING ABOUT IS “THE BETWEEN TIMES.”

Between FAILURES and RESTORATION.

Between JUDGMENT and RESTORATION.

Between WEEPING and REJOICING.

Between DEATH and RESURRECTION.

THESE “BETWEEN TIMES” ARE FOR HEALING UNDER THE MINISTERING PRESENCE OF GOD.

When the HEALING is ACCOMPLISHED the RESTORATION is COMPLETED.

We can have FAITH even in the midst of our suffering, when we KNOW THE END OF THE STORY.

THE END OF THE STORY FOR GOMER

THE END OF THE STORY FOR ISRAEL

WHICH PICTURE PORTRAYS YOUR LIFE?

Are you Gomer/Israel caught in sinfulness and disobedience?
Are you in the between times – having nothing to lean upon in your healing
time, but the presence of the living God?

Are you restored to God – returned, seeking Him as Lord and King?