



# God's Persistent and Unfailing Love: Hosea's Life

**The overriding message of  
this book of Hosea is  
that of God's persistent and  
unfailing love for his people.**

**Hosea: God: Jesus.**

# Hosea: The Man

The united kingdom of Israel  
split into two in 930 BC

Israel

The ten northern tribes

Judah

The two southern tribes

# The Mission. Given to Hosea

This mission comes from  
The Lord for His people  
God ordered Hosea to  
marry an adulterous wife

# The Marriage

God turned a personal tragedy  
into a powerful message  
for the people of Israel

# The Marriage

His wife's name was  
Gomer and he really loved her

He knew, at God's  
direction, she would  
be unfaithful to him

# The Marriage

They had three children all  
bearing, at God's command,  
names that depicted  
God's message of doom

# The Marriage

Jezreel – first son

A reminder recalling past sins  
of murder and Baal worship

# The Marriage

Lo-Ruhamah - daughter  
Which meant 'not loved'  
or 'no mercy'

# The Marriage

Lo Ammi- second son  
Meaning, 'nobody' or  
'not my people'

# The Message

Hosea was called to preach  
a message of repentance

Gomer was unfaithful,  
but Hosea went and found her

# God (the person)

Hosea's persevering love for his wife depicts for us a love more powerful and deeper than that of Hosea

# His Marriage

God has this longing for His people to have a strong bond of love with Him, a faithful relationship and not an adulterous one

# His Mission

His mission was and is to show love and compassion and forgiveness to His people (the Israelites then and us now)

# God's Message

'Return Israel to the  
Lord your God'

'Your sins have been  
your downfall'

Say to Him 'forgive all our sins'

# God's Message

'I will heal their  
waywardness and love  
them freely'

# God's Message

'The ways of the Lord are right,  
the righteous walk in them,  
BUT the rebellious  
stumble in them'

# God's Message

but: In spite of His  
overwhelming love,  
God is a God of justice and  
He will judge His people

# Jesus: The man Jesus

God sent His Son to this earth to show His love and faithfulness to His people

# His Mission

‘To preach good news  
to the poor’

‘Freedom for the prisoners’

‘Recovery of sight for the blind’

‘Release the oppressed’

# His Marriage

Symbolism of the love

He had for the people

‘Come, I will show you the  
bride, the wife of the lamb’

# His Message

**Gods' love is persistent  
and unfailing and  
unconditional, but never  
take this love for granted**

**‘Let us return to the Lord.  
He has torn us to pieces  
but He will heal us; He has  
injured us but He will  
bind up our wounds’.**

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