

Message Series:

**God, You Want Me to Do What?  
A Study on the Minor Prophets  
Jonah, Hosea, Micah, and Haggai  
Stepping Up and Going Out for God  
October 11, 2009**

Today's Message:

***Living a Life on Display*  
Hosea 1:1-2:1**

Hosea 4:1-2 NLT

*<sup>1</sup>Hear the word of the Lord, O people of Israel! The Lord has brought charges against you, saying: "There is no faithfulness, no kindness, no knowledge of God in your land. <sup>2</sup>You make vows and break them; you kill and steal and commit adultery. There is violence everywhere—one murder after another.*

**Today's Main Thought:** Hosea's marital experience with Gomer is compared to God's relationship with Israel.

***Hosea's pageant of faithfulness, Gomer's parade of disgrace, 1:1-9***

- Knowingly marry a woman who will openly flaunt her unfaithfulness to the marriage, vv. 2-3.
- Establish a family with Gomer, give the children names to symbolize the result of her infidelity, vv. 3, 4, 6, 9; 2 Kings 9:27-28; 10:12-14
  - Jezreel meaning "Scattered"
  - Lo-Ruhamah meaning "Not Loved"
  - Lo-Ammi meaning "Not My People"

***A pageant of restoration, 1:10-2:1***

- Israel returns from a carnival with other gods to a committed relationship with the Lord, v. 10 compare with v. 9; Jeremiah 33:19-22; Romans 9:19-26
- God acknowledges the children of infidelity, vv. 1:11-2:1; Jeremiah 23:5-8; Ezekiel 37:15-28; Hosea 2:23; Romans 11:26-32
  - Judah and Israel will be united
  - The children of infidelity have new names
    - Jezreel meaning "Planted"
    - Ruhamah meaning "Loved"
    - Ammi meaning "My People"

**Ask Yourself...** *Does my obedience to God falter when He requires hard things of me?*

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Next Week: #6 in series  
Hosea 2:2-Chapter 3