

## 2. A Promise from a Faithful Husband (verses 4-8)

# A LOVE STORY Studies in Hosea

## Chapter 14 - Return and be forgiven

### Introduction

### A Postscript - verse 9

1. Why is the appeal of 14:1 such a surprise after such a long prophecy?

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*Questions for personal study and reflection*

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2. What does God want them to do? And how are they to do it? Why is it so hard to admit that you are in the wrong? When have you found it hard to admit it to God?

3. What is so astonishing about God's love here? What are the images that God uses here? What do they express?

4. Why do you think Hosea finishes with the postscript of v9?

5. What have you discovered about God from Hosea? What new angle on God have you seen, or what old truth has come alive?

6. How can you hold onto that after this weekend?

7. Look back through the book - perhaps take time to read through the whole prophecy and make a note of the number of times God's anger is referred to.

Why does God get angry, according to Hosea? How is his anger unlike ours?

8. At the same time make a note of the number of times God refers to his love or his mercy. How is this referred to? Why is God's love such a strong love, to count on? Where do we most perfectly see that love expressed?

9. Spend some time thanking God for what he has shown you of himself.

### 1. An Invitation to a Faithless Wife (verses 1-3)