

3. The Faithful Lover (1:10-2:1)

A LOVE STORY Studies in Hosea

Chapter 1:1-2:1 - The Lover

Introduction

1. The Wounded Lover (1:2-3)

1. What is so shocking about the Lord's command to Hosea? (verse 2-3) What important

Questions for personal study and reflection

lesson was Hosea having to learn about God's relationship to his people?

2. What other things or people might end up as being substitutes for loving God in your life? How do you think God feels about this? How can you avoid them, or put them in their proper place, and allow God to take his?

3. Why were the names of Hosea's children so surprising? (verses 4-9) What was the important lesson was God teaching Hosea and Gomer, and through them to his people?

4. Why is it so hard to accept that God is an angry lover? Why is God right to be angry? Why must we take his anger seriously? When might God feel angry with you? What should be your response?

5. What words of hope does the chapter end with? How do we know that God will continue to love us, even when we fail miserably?

6. What did it cost God to call you, if you are his, 'my loved one?' (2:1)

2. The Angry Lover (1:4-9)