

2. The Restored Marriage (2:14-23)

All Saints' Church Weekend Away

Saturday 7th March 2009

A LOVE STORY Studies in Hosea

Chapter 2:2-23 - The Wooer

Introduction

1. The Husband's Ultimatum (2:2-13)

1. Look at the language that is used in v2-4. How far have things deteriorated

Questions for personal study and reflection

between God and Israel?

2. What had Israel done? (v5, v8) What does God resolve to do with Israel as a result? (v6-13) Notice the language in v8 and v13 - how does God feel about this? How does this help us to understand how God feels about our spiritual adultery?

3. Where are you in danger of taking what God has given you for granted? In what areas of your life might God say to you 'but me, you forgot'?

4. What is the shock in v14? 'Achor' means trouble. How can God's discipline of us actually turn out to be a door of hope? Can you think of times he has taken you through trouble, which has turned out to be for your good?

5. What differences will this spell in the desert bring about in Israel? (v16-23).

6. Has God had to take things away from you, in order to bring you back to Himself?

7. Take time to read through the chapter and to pray through the verses. What do you learn about yourself from these verses? What do you learn about God? What might God be wanting you to do as a result of looking at this passage?