

### 3. The Patience that must be shown (verses 3-5)

# A LOVE STORY Studies in Hosea

## Chapter 3 - The Reconciler

### Introduction

#### 1. The Initiative that must be taken (verse 1)

1. How does the second command from God to Hosea to 'Go' to Gomer build on

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*Questions for personal study and reflection*

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*the first? (cf 1:2 and 3:1). How do you think Hosea might have felt about this?*

*What lesson was Hosea learning about God's love for his people?*

2. *What 'gods' or 'trivialities' are you prone to turn to? Why? And what is appealing about them? How do they compare to God and his love?*

3. *What did Hosea have to do, in order to love Gomer again? What costs do you think must have been involved?*

4. *What did it cost God to reconcile us to himself? Look up 1 Peter 1:18-19.*

*What comparison is being made here? Why? What value do you give to the blood of Christ? Knowing this, what should our attitude be towards Christ, and the gods we turn to?*

5. *What demand did Hosea make on Gomer (verse 3)? And what limit did he put on himself (see the footnote)? Why did he show such patience?*

6. *How do these promises come true for us in part now, and fully in the future? How intimately do you know Christ? How might you get to know him better?*

#### 2. The Cost that must be paid (verse 2)