



Start by watching The Bible Project's Book Overview on Hosea together as a group (~10 min). Search "Bible Project Hosea" on YouTube or find it at [thebibleproject.com](https://www.thebibleproject.com).

1. Read Hosea 1:2-3. God's first instruction to Hosea is to marry a woman who will be unfaithful. Why do you think God chose to make Hosea's life embody the message rather than simply giving him words to speak?
2. Read Hosea 2:5-8. Israel didn't reject God outright — they quietly credited the Baals with the grain, wine, and oil that Yahweh had actually provided. Where are you tempted to do the same thing — still showing up for God outwardly, but trusting something else for security, success, comfort, or identity?
3. Read Hosea 2:9-13 and 2:14-20. Devastating judgment is followed immediately by tender pursuit. What does it reveal about God's character that his words of warning are followed by promises of love and restoration?
4. The Hebrew word *hesed* — translated "steadfast love" in Hosea 6:6 — means covenant faithfulness. Love that stays because a promise was made, not because the other person deserves it. How is that different from the way we typically think about love? How might it change the way you understand God's response to your failures?
5. Read Hosea 11:1-9. What do you hear in God's voice here — anger, grief, compassion, longing, restraint? What does this passage reveal about what it costs God to remain faithful when his people are not?
6. Read Hosea 14. This is the final chapter — an invitation to return. What is God offering? What is he asking for? How does this chapter answer the question the whole book has been asking: will God give up on his people?