

<sup>2</sup> When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, "Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord." <sup>3</sup> So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim...

**HOSEA 1:2-3**

<sup>1</sup> And the Lord said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins." <sup>2</sup> So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. ...

**HOSEA 3:1-5**

<sup>3</sup> And I said to her, "You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you." <sup>4</sup> For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods.

**HOSEA 3:1-5**

5 Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the Lord and to his goodness in the latter days.

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HOSEA 1:2

19 I will betroth you to me forever; I will  
betroth you in righteousness and  
justice, in love and compassion.  
20 I will betroth you in faithfulness.

HOSEA 2:19-20

Why would God say that being in a relationship with him is like being in a marriage?

a. Marriage is demanding

"I had a boss moment the other day. I was doing a press conference and they keep asking me what it was like to be married, and I said, 'Being married is not my achievement. My achievement is producing this film and having a producing deal with a major studio—that is my achievement.'"

"Everyone shut up after that. It was really nice."

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b. Marriage is exposing

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c. Marriage is transforming

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**HOSEA 3:3**

*This matters because it shows us that as much as we need God our King to rule us, and we do, and as much as we need God our Shepherd to guide us, and we do, we need the intimate love of God as our spouse to heal us.*

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