

The Outrageous Love of God

“When the LORD began to speak through Hosea, the LORD said to him, ‘Go, take to yourself an adulterous wife and children of unfaithfulness because the land is guilty of the vilest adultery in departing from the LORD.’” Hosea 1:2

What Makes God’s Love So Outrageous?

1. God’s love is _____

“The LORD said to me, ‘Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes.’” Hosea 3:1

“I will make you my wife forever, showing you righteousness and justice, unflinching love and compassion. I will be faithful to you and make you mine, and you will finally know me as LORD.” Hosea 2:19-20

2. God’s love is _____

“The LORD said to me, ‘Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes.’ So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley.” Hosea 3:1-2

3. God’s love is _____

“Then I told her, ‘You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will live with you.’” Hosea 3:3

“But I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt. You shall acknowledge no God but me, no Savior except me.” Hosea 13:4

The question: _____

DAILY MEDITATIONS

Brief daily Bible studies based on this week’s message

This week’s memory verse:

“The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.”

Psalm 103:8, 11

Monday

Read back over the notes from this past weekend. What amazes you the most about God’s outrageous love for you?

Which point about God’s outrageous love meant the most to you and why?

Hosea’s story is a remarkable one - to say the least! What key lesson did you learn from Hosea’s example?

Thank God today for His outrageous love for you. Thank for the example of Hosea. Ask Him to open your heart to His love. Pray that as you study the Bible this week you’ll sense His overwhelming love anew.

Tuesday

Read 2 Chronicles 29:6-7, Ezekiel 39:22-24 & Hosea 1:1-3. What do these verses tell you about Israel? Recall a time in your life when you were unfaithful to God. How did it impact your life? How did God get your attention?

In light of Israel’s unfaithfulness God’s love seems even more outrageous. Write down three ways you’ve personally experienced God’s outrageous love in spite of your unfaithfulness:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Think about your relationship with God right now. How might He be trying to get your heart’s attention turned back toward Him?

Thank God today that He has been with you throughout your life. Thank Him for the many times He’s called you back to Him. Ask Him to keep your heart soft to Him. Pray that the way you live and love will reflect God’s outrageous love for you.

Wednesday

Read Psalm 6:4, 36:7, 130:7 & Hosea 2:19-20, 3:1. How does Hosea demonstrate unfailing love to Gomer?

In what situation have you had to show unfailing to someone? How did that impact your relationship? What did it teach you about love?

Reread the verses in Psalms. Write down two encouragements you receive from these verses:

- 1.
- 2.

Spend three or four minutes just focusing on God's unfailing love. Thank for the many ways that has impacted your life. Thank Him for the hope that His love gives you. Ask Him to help you give unfailing love to those in your life who need it.

Thursday

Read Psalm 119:175-176, Hosea 3:1-5 & Luke 15:1-24. How do these verses demonstrate God's active role in loving you?

Focus on the three parables in Luke 15. What similarities do you see in those parables. What lesson do you think God wanted to get across?

How have you seen God's active love in your life? How did it change you?

Thank God today for His pursuit of you. Thank Him that He's involved in your life. Ask Him to show you ways to make your love for others more active. Pray that you will not resist His active pursuit of your heart.

Friday

Read Exodus 34:14, Deuteronomy 4:23-24, 1 Samuel 7:3-4 & Hosea 13:4. What type of jealousy does God express? How that type of jealousy express His outrageous love for you?

How have you experienced God's jealousy for you? How did that impact your relationship with Him?

Thank God today for His jealous love for you. Thank Him that He cares so much for you. Ask God how He wants you to apply His love today. Pray for a heart that loves like His.

Saturday

Today polish up that memory verse. Please pray for services this weekend, that God's presence would be sensed in a powerful way.