

H O S E A



MCA

Sermon Outline

Key verse

The Lord said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods..."

Hosea 3:1

God's love redeems us, paying the price to bring us home

1. God's love pursues even when we've walked away

Action → Come home to Christ

"Return to me, for I have redeemed you."

Isaiah 44:22

2. God's love pays the price to redeem

Action → Cling to Christ

"You were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies."

1 Corinthians 6:20

3. God's love restores us to a new way of living

Action → Continue with Christ

"If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come."

2 Corinthians 5:17

LOVE THAT REDEEMS

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DISCUSSION GUIDE**

Opening Thought

Redemption is one of the most beautiful words in Scripture. To redeem means to buy back—to reclaim what was lost, to restore what was broken. Hosea's act of buying back Gomer is more than an act of marital mercy; it's a picture of God's boundless love that will stop at nothing to bring his people home.

Ice breakers

- Do you enjoy raisins? How about fruitcake?
- What was the last major purchase you made? Any regrets?

Dig Deeper

- Read Hosea 3:1. What does this teach us about God's love toward his people?
- God tells Hosea to "love your wife again." What stands out to you about that command?
- In verse 2, Hosea buys Gomer back. How does this mirror what Jesus did for us? (See 1 Peter 1:18–19.)
- Read Isaiah 44:22. What does it mean that God has "swept away" our offenses like a cloud?
- Look at verse 3. Hosea calls Gomer to live differently now that she's been redeemed. What does this show us about the purpose of God's grace?
- How do we sometimes cheapen grace by returning to old habits?
- What moments in your life remind you how far God's love went to redeem you?
- How should God's redeeming love shape the way we love people who have hurt or disappointed us?
- Read verses 4–5. These verses point ahead to Israel's restoration and to "David their king."
- How do these verses ultimately point to Jesus?
- What do you think it means to "come trembling to the Lord"?

Closing

God's love doesn't wait for us to clean up first. It walks into our mess, looks us in the eye, and says, *"You're mine. I'll pay whatever it takes to bring you home."*