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SERIES: Prophets & Kings

SERMON 7: "God Pursues Israel"

TEXT: Hosea 1-3

DATE: October 21/22, 2017

An Astonishing Story of Love

1. Love in Our _____

- Love is an _____
- Love is _____
- Love shouldn't _____ me _____

2. Love in the _____

- Love is an _____: God _____ us even though we _____ on him
- Love is _____: God _____ his love to us _____
- Love costs _____: God _____ us out of _____

3. God's Love in Our Lives

- God's love _____ us from our _____ and from our _____
- God's love _____ us to _____ and _____
- God's love _____ me to love when it costs me something

FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about your understanding of the word love. Is it different than the picture of God's love we see in this story? What can we do to make sure our family's concept of the word love lines up with God's?
2. How does understanding the love of Hosea for Gomer help us understand the way God loves us? Take a few minutes to discuss how your family is grateful to God for His faithfulness in your lives.
3. What are some ways our family can remind each other of God's unending love? How can we show each other this love? How can we show our neighbors this kind of love?

MAIN POINT

God loves people when they do not deserve it.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Why was it not sufficient for Hosea to deliver God's message with words alone?
 - What does this mean for how we live our lives?
3. How do we define "love", based on our usage of the word in our lives? How is that different than the love we see on display in Hosea?

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What is God like?
God is slow to anger, merciful and loving.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

4. Why is it important to know that God will not withdraw his love from his people?
5. In what ways is sin a trap that ensnares rather than something that frees?
6. Serving as a form of love reflects who God is to others. What does this look like in your life?

CHRIST CONNECTION

God's love is deep, and it never gives up.
He goes after his people and loves them back to himself.