

The wife of the prophet Hosea had abandoned him and their children, and had been living with many men. Finally, her circumstances got so bad that she was about to be sold as a slave. Despite all the pain and humiliation she had caused, after all the rejection and unfaithfulness, Hosea still had an undying love for her when God spoke today's Scripture to him. He went and found her beaten down, dirty, clothes torn, and bought her back.

We have all been unfaithful and gone our own way, but God who is rich in mercy didn't turn His back on us. He came down to the dark places, to where we failed, and bought us back with the price of His own Son's life. Since God rescued you, will you be a Hosea and rescue somebody else? There are hurting people in dark places all around you, broken people who think no-one cares. They are not in your path by accident. You can help love them back into wholeness with mercy and grace.

Hosea 3:1 "Then the LORD said to me: "Go and love your wife again, even though she commits adultery with another lover. This will illustrate that the LORD still loves Israel, even though the people have turned to other gods and love to worship them.""