

*A Life Lived for God*  
Hosea 1

❖ God's call was difficult but Hosea \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Following God's call brought heartache and rejection; but Hosea \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Serving God did not bring "success," but Hosea kept his \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_

# Outlines of Hosea

- I. Superscription (1:1)
- II. The Unfaithful Wife and the Faithful Husband (1:2;3:5)
  - A. The Children as Signs (1:2;2:1)
  - B. The Unfaithful Wife (2:2-23)
    - 1. The Lord's judgment of Israel (2:2-13)
    - 2. The Lord's restoration of Israel (2:14-23)
  - C. The Faithful Husband (ch. 3)
- II. The Unfaithful Nation and the Faithful God (chs. 4-14)
  - A. Israel's Unfaithfulness (4:1;6:3)
  - B. Israel's Punishment (6:4;10:15)
  - C. The Lord's Faithful Love (chs. 11-14)

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- 1:1-2:13: Hosea's marriage
  - *Illustrates the sins of Israel and the consequent judgment.*
- 2:14-3:5: Reconciliation of Hosea and his bride
  - *Exemplifies the hope that God (Yahweh), as loving husband to Israel, offers beyond the judgment.*
- 4:1-10:15 - The oracles of judgment
  - *Corrupt worship, savage politics and foolish foreign alliances spell Israel's doom.*
- 11:1-11: God's offer of forgiveness and a call to return
- 12:1 - 13:16: Closing speeches of judgment
  - *God continues to sound the alarm for Israel's fate.*
- 14:1-9: A love-song
  - *Prophecy reaches its climax as God's husbandly love triumphs over all of Israel's unfaithfulness.*

- from Hubbard, David Allan. *Hosea: an introduction & commentary*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1989. 51. Print.