**Strong Tower Bible Study**

**Agenda**

**Bad Girls of the Bible Series Lesson 4**

**Time 6:00pm -7:30pm**

 **Topic: Unfaithful**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Scripture text:** Hosea 1:1-11

1 The word of the Lord that came to Hosea son of Beeri during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and during the reign of Jeroboam son of Jehoash[a] king of Israel:

Hosea’s Wife and Children

2 When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, “Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord.” 3 So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

4 Then the Lord said to Hosea, “Call him Jezreel, because I will soon punish the house of Jehu for the massacre at Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of Israel. 5 In that day I will break Israel’s bow in the Valley of Jezreel.”

6 Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the Lord said to Hosea, “Call her Lo-Ruhamah (which means “not loved”), for I will no longer show love to Israel, that I should at all forgive them. 7 Yet I will show love to Judah; and I will save them—not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but I, the Lord their God, will save them.”

8 After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son. 9 Then the Lord said, “Call him Lo-Ammi (which means “not my people”), for you are not my people, and I am not your God.

10 “Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ they will be called ‘children of the living God.’ 11 The people of Judah and the people of Israel will come together; they will appoint one leader and will come up out of the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel.

**Things to know:**

* Gomer-Her name means “Completion”
* Gomer was married to Hosea, a prophet of God
* The Lord told Hosea to marry Gomer
* Hosea was the last of the prophets to “Speak the word of the Lord”-Hosea 1:1
* She was an unfaithful wife
* God is still loving to a unloving and unfaithful people
* Gomer was a symbol of spiritual adultery and a picture of Israels unfaithfulness to God
* Her husband continued to love her despite her unfaithfulness
* Gomer credited her lovers for the gifts her husband gave her

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why is faithfulness to God important and essential?
2. When a minister or evangelist speaks the word of the Lord today, how can you know if it’s true or not? -Deuteronomy 18:21-22
3. What is the Lord accusing His people of committing?
4. How would you compare the people of Israel and their sins with the nation we are in today?
5. Why do you think Gomar was unfaithful? Do you believe she loved Hosea?
6. What do each of the names of Hosea and Gomer’s children signify?
7. How clear was God’s message? Are we any better at understanding and following God’s message today?
8. How has God been faithful to you, even when you were unfaithful?

**Faith in Action:**

* Practice consistency in your prayer life
* Invite someone to worship the Lord with you
* Go to bed before 10pm, the body needs rest (Cast you cares upon the Lord for He cares for you) 1 Peter 5:6-7
* Encourage someone in word or in deed
* Set clear boundaries and stick to them

**Scriptures:**

Jeremiah 24:7

Hosea 6:3

Acts 3:19

1 John 1:9

1 Corinthians 1:9

2 Timothy 2:13

Hebrew 10:23

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

**Closing Prayer:**