### Getting to Know God

Hosea, Gomer and a Faithfully Loving God

### Hosea = Salvation

### Minor Prophet

### 40 years of ministry

### 755 BC- 715 BC



Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed from a lack of knowledge.

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## This wasn't just about intellectual knowledge.

# The people lacked a relational knowledge of God.

Hosea 1:2-3 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." So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

2 Timothy 2:13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

Hosea 1:4 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. In that day I will break Israel's bow in the Valley of Jezreel."

Hosea 1:6 Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the Lord said to Hosea, "Call her Lo- Ruhamah, for I will no longer show love to Israel, that I should at all forgive them."

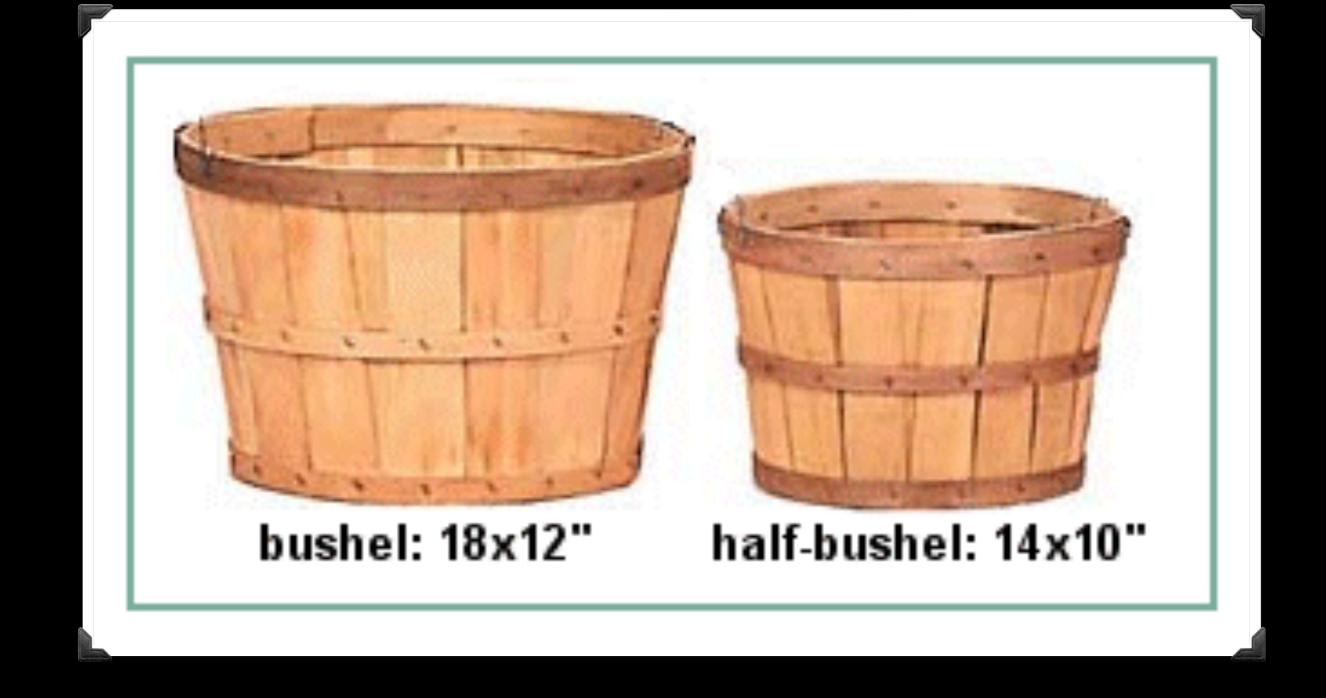
Hosea 1:8 After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son. Then the Lord said, "Call him Lo-Ammi, (which means not my people) for you are not my people and I am not your God."

Hosea 1:10 Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the plan where it was said to them, "You are not my people, they will be called children of the living God."

Hosea 2:5-7 She said, "I will go after my lovers, who will give me my food and my water, my wool and my linen, my olive oil and my drink." "Therefore, I will block her path with torn bushes; I will wall her in so that she cannot find her way. She will chase after her lovers but not catch them. She will look for them and not find them."

Hosea 3:1-2 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 and love the sacred raisin cakes.

So, I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and lethal of barley. Then I told her, "You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or intimate with any man, and I will behave the same way toward you."



15 Shekels = Half price going rate for a slave

7 and 1/2 Bushels

# 1. We all have some Gomer in us.

We are all guilty of being unfaithful to God in one way or another.

## 2. God never stops loving us.

Jeremiah 31:3 "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have continued my faithfulness to you."

Hosea 11:8 How can I give you up Ephraim? How can I hand you over Israel? How can I treat you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboyim? My heart is changed within me. All my compassion is aroused.

Hebrews 12:6 The Lord disciplines the one he loves and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.

### 3. God will always take us back.

Hosea 2:14 Therefore, I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her.

Romans 9:26 In the very place where it was said to them, "You are not my people, there they will be called the children of the living God."

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