

Title: I Still Do

Text: Hosea 1-3

Target: Our unfaithfulness to God has no bearing on God's love for us.

The Problem: Our unfaithfulness no longer makes us uncomfortable.

Parallels of the story:

1. Just like Gomer, we are unfaithful to God.

- a. *"For like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord."*
Hosea 1:2b

2. Just like Hosea, God has not stopped pursuing you.

- a. Jesus is our "greater Hosea"
- a. *"Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her." (Vs. 2:14)*
- b. *"Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress." (Vs. 3:1)*
- c. New Testament reference: 1 Peter 2:10

3. Just like Israel, God is pleading with you.

- a. *"Return, Israel, to the Lord your God. Your sins have been your downfall. Take words with you and return to the Lord." (Hosea 14:1-2a)*