

Then the Lord said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery, just like the love of the Lord for the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love the raisin cakes of the pagans."

Hosea 3:1 (NKJV)

1. Why does God command Hosea to go _____ a woman who is _____?
2. Hosea's love is a metaphor of God's _____ and _____ love for a _____ people. (v. 1-2)
3. God is _____ of unconditional _____ in sickness and in health. (v. 3, 4)
4. In self-giving love, God pursues people who are _____ and without _____ so that we will _____ and _____ Him. (v. 5)
5. The steadfast, loyal-love of God pays the price to _____ and _____ a wayward people to experience his _____ for _____. (vv. 1-5, also 1 John 4:10; Luke 19:10; Mark 10:45)

<u>*Chew on This--Dinner Table Conversation*</u>

- *Name three reasons why God commanded Hosea to love a woman who is unfaithful to him. What does this tell us about God?*
- *In loyal-love Jesus paid a price to restore relationship with us. What was that payment? Why was a payment necessary? What did that payment achieve? How must we respond?*