

LESSONS FROM HOSEA

We need to see there are 3 stories going on at the same time in Hosea... a trilogy if you will.

1. It is a _____ story... the story of a broken marriage and of the heartache that accompanies unfaithfulness

2. In the bigger picture it is the story of God's _____ for Israel in spite of her unfaithfulness.

3. And 3rdly and most importantly it is a picture of _____.
You are I have deceitful hearts that _____ us more than we would like to admit.
We are the unfaithful ones.
We run after other lovers.

How you ask? Let me give you just one example:

Every time our hearts are filled with _____ what we are saying (w/o saying it out loud) is this: I NEED _____ to be content. Fill in the blank: I need this social distancing to stop. I need my spouse / kids / boss/ etc to do this or do that. THEN I WILL BE _____. And every time we go down that path we are telling the Lord He is not _____ and as such our hearts have departed from God. We are the unfaithful ones. We are modern day _____.

The solution? 1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.