

You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him. Deuteronomy 13:4

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel? 2. What does this story teach me about myself? 3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good? 4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God? 5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



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HOSEA, PROPHET TO ISRAEL

Hosea

WHY DO CHRISTIANS CONTINUE TO SIN? CHRISTIANS CONTINUE TO SIN BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE A SIN NATURE, BUT WHEN JESUS RETURNS, HE WILL MAKE US SINLESS LIKE HIM.

God wanted to show His people a picture of how much He loved and wanted to be with them, even though they had been unfaithful to Him. He spoke to His prophet Hosea, saying, "Go and marry a woman who will not be faithful to you."

Hosea followed God's direction and married a woman named Gomer. They had three children together. Sadly, Gomer was not faithful to Hosea and left the family.

Gomer's unfaithfulness to Hosea was like Israel's unfaithfulness to God. But God still loved Israel and forgave them for their lack of faithfulness.

God told Hosea, "Show love to Gomer, even though she hasn't shown love to you, just as I have loved the Israelites."

Hosea obeyed God. He paid back what Gomer owed others and brought her back to live with him.

Hosea pled with the Israelites to come back to God, just as Gomer had come back to Hosea. But he also told the people that there would be consequences for their sin. He said, "Repent and turn away and return to the Lord. No one else can save us but God."

Through Hosea, God promised to be faithful to Israel. God also said that one day His people would seek the Lord their God.

Christ Connection: Israel was not faithful to God, but God was faithful to Israel, just as Hosea loved his wife even when she didn't love him. God is faithful to save all sinners who repent and trust in Jesus.



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