**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. November 3, 2019**

**Really God?**

Hosea 1:1-3

**Key Truth:** God’s love for us is unfathomable.

**God’s Choice Of A Wife For Hosea Illustrates:**

1. The depth and pain of our sin toward God.

2. The depth and commitment of God’s love toward us.

**Hosea’s Obedience To God Illustrates:**

1. His total trust in God.

2. His love for the children of Israel.

3. How marriage is meant to be a visible representation of

 our relationship with God.

**Israel’s Disobedience Illustrates:**

1. How easy we can go astray from God’s love.

2. How sin affects our relationship with God.

**Hosea‘s Reconciliation With His Wife Illustrates**:

1. No matter how far we have strayed, God wants to

 restore our relationship.

2. No person is beyond the forgiveness of God.

3. Sin must be redeemed.

 A. Hosea redeemed Gomer with money.

 B. God redeems us with the blood of Jesus Christ.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Ask God to open your eyes to any spiritual unfaithfulness and to give you courage to confess your sins. Commit to trust in the Lord and live out His justice, love, and compassion in all of your relationships.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Christ’s death has provided for us a new covenant in which we are also recipients of God’s unconditional love. How do the following passages help you gain a greater understanding of what God’s unconditional love involves?

Romans 8:35-39

1 John 3:1

1 John 4:9-11

What motivations can you find in the following passages to help keep you from sin and its consequences?

Galatians 6:7-8

Hebrews 12:7-11

2 Corinthians 5:10

In the Book of James, the author uses language reminiscent of the message of Hosea’s marriage to warn his readers about how they’re living. After reading James 4:4, read the following passages and note how they help further explain James’ warning.

John 15:18-19

1 John 2:15-16

How can we balance not being friends with the world and our responsibility to be friendly toward the world and make a positive impact on those around us?