

## ***Resolved: To Be Faithful To The LORD***

*Hosea 1-2:1*

- May growing in my devotion and faithfulness to God by his grace and through the power of the Spirit be a lifelong resolution for me.
- God judges those who commit spiritual adultery against Him.
- The goal of our sermon is to learn what the Israelites did to deserve the judgments of God, and for us to not follow their example and to marvel at the mercy and providence of our LORD in this text.

1. ***God's \_\_\_\_\_ with Israel (v. 1-3)***

- Israel's poor spiritual condition is the very reason why the word of the LORD came to the Prophet Hosea.
- Hosea's relationship with this prostitute is meant to symbolize God's relationship with Israel.
- Through their disobedience and infidelity to God, Israel has become not only unlovable but dreadfully disgusting. What does God decide to do? He decides to show Israel that despite her unfaithfulness, He still loves her and His covenant still stands.

2. ***God's \_\_\_\_\_ upon Israel (v. 4-9)***

- God's love and grace are not things that we are to abuse. While it is true that God loves His people, that doesn't mean that He's going to let them go unpunished when they break His law.
- Just because you are numbered among God's covenant community doesn't mean that you're automatically good with God, in order for anyone to have a right standing with God and to receive the generous mercy of God you must belong to Him through faith alone.
- We may consider ourselves as God's people but if our life says otherwise we should evaluate if we truly belong to Him.

3. ***God's \_\_\_\_\_ toward Israel (v. 10-2:1)***

- "The time of God's wrath and destruction will one day end and God's blessing will revive the people." – Gary Smith
- If we desire to have peace and not hostility with God, blessing and not cursing, we must be fully devoted to Him.

### ***Personal Reflection***

- If I rate my faithfulness to the LORD last year (2015), it would be:

Worse Best  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

- This year (2016), by God's grace I will be more faithful in the following areas of my spiritual life:

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