

## A Marriage Made in Heaven?

Hearing a word of the Lord may not always be as pleasing as we think.

### THE UNKNOWN PROPHETS

We call them minor because they're shorter; not because they're less important.

We call them anonymous because we know so little about them.

We call them prophets because they give God's message and his plan to the people.

### HOSEA'S WORLD

Hosea's message landed in a world of corrupt history, false gods, corrupt rulers, and foolish foreign policy.

### HOSEA'S MESSAGE – He *is* the message

An appalling command:

Some appalling kids' names

Jezreel –

Lo-Rahumu –

**Some Things to Think About  
For the week of August 9, 2015**

Lo-Ammi –

Jewish people in Hosea's time didn't turn away from God in a moment; it was a process. Read Hebrews 3:12-15.

**GOD'S MERCY**

The severity of God's anger is matched only by the depth of his mercy.

What it means for Israel

What it meant for Gomer

What it means for us

1. What characterizes a heart that turns away from God according to Hebrews 12:12?
2. In your own life, what are the weaknesses that would most likely affect you in a negative way toward God?
3. What is one of the primary ways that we can avoid a hard heart toward God?
4. What is sin's deceitfulness and how does that tend to harden us?
5. If you find yourself wandering today, what is the God's response to one who returns? (Luke 15:17-22)

1. When we fail to recognize our failure, we fail to recognize God's discipline
2. When we fail to recognize God's discipline, we fail to recognize God's remedy
3. When we fail to recognize God's remedy, we fail to receive God's grace