

Love is patient, love is kind.

1 Corinthians 13:4 (NIV)

The Love of God

Hosea 1, 3

"Yes, God," prayed Hosea. "I will do what you say."

Hosea was one of God's prophets. One day, God told him to marry a woman who had a really bad reputation. That must have seemed strange for a man of God!

God told Hosea he should marry a woman who doesn't love him back and wants to leave him. This was strange, but God had a plan.

Hosea went and found a woman named Gomer. She was just like God had said, but Hosea really loved her. They got married and had two sons and a daughter. Even though they had children, Gomer wasn't faithful to Hosea. She left him and went off to live with other men.

This didn't turn out well for her, and soon Gomer had lost everything. Her life was a wreck. She was a slave and was being sold like an animal by some mean guy.

God and Hosea hadn't forgotten about Gomer. God sent Hosea to rescue her and bring her home. He found her and paid about 5½ pounds of silver coins and over six hundred pounds of food to get her back from that mean guy.

Hosea cared for her and provided for her with gentleness and love.

That's how God treats us, even when we've done wrong. God wants us to come back and receive His love and stay with Him.

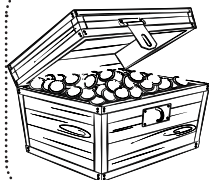


What did we discover?

- 1) _____ was a prophet of God.
GOMER ZACCHAEUS HOSEA
- 2) God sent Hosea to marry a woman who didn't _____ him.
LOVE HURT FEED
- 3) When Gomer left Hosea, he continued _____ her.
FORGETTING LEAVING LOVING
- 4) God also _____.
LOVES ME FORGETS ME WALKS AWAY



God loves me. How should I love Him back?



God loves me a lot.

Even when I'm far from God,
He looks for me with love.
He wants me back with Him.



**Father God,
Thank You
for Your great
love for me.**

