

Covenant Love
Hosea 1:1-11; 3:1-5

Devotion to God is like faithfulness in marriage. Idolatry is like adultery.

When God first spoke to Hosea, He told him to get married and have children.
(Hos 1:2)

Their 1st child was named Jezreel, which literally means "scattered". (Hos 1:4)

Their 2nd child was named Lo-ruhamah, which literally means "no mercy". (Hos 1:6)

Their 3rd child was named Lo-ammi, which literally means "not my people".
(Hos 1:9)

Gomer leaves Hosea, and she does not realize that he provides her with food and money. (Hos 2:8)

Hosea buys back his wife for about 30 pieces of silver. (Hos 3:2)

In a covenantal relationship, both parties need to say: "I will be what I should be, even if you are not."