

Hosea and Gomer Pastor Brad Howard - February 26th, 2023

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies.

Psalms 107:1-2 NLT

ga'al - to redeem, that is, to be the next of kin (and as such to buy back a relative's property, marry his widow, etc.): - avenger, protector, deliverer, family guardian.

When the LORD first began speaking to Israel through Hosea, He said to him, "Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution. This will illustrate how Israel has acted like a prostitute by turning against the LORD and worshiping other gods." So Hosea married Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she became pregnant and gave Hosea a son.

Hosea 1:2-3 NLT

1. BROKEN PEOPLE REPRODUCE WHO THEY ARE.

Three Children:

1. Jezreel - Scattered.
2. Lo-Ruhamah - Not loved.
3. Lo-Ammi - Not My people.

"We don't see others as they are; we see others as we are."

"Yet the time will come when Israel's people will be like the sands of the seashore--too many to count! Then, at the place where they were told, 'You are not My people,' it will be said, 'You are children of the living God.'

Hosea 1:10 NLT

2. JESUS CAME TO REDEEM YOUR BROKEN LIFE.

I will return her vineyards to her and transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of hope. She will give herself to Me there, as she did long ago when she was young, when I freed her from her captivity in Egypt.

Hosea 2:15 NLT

Then the LORD said to me, "Go and love your wife again . . . This will illustrate that the LORD still loves Israel, even though the people have turned to other gods and love to worship them. " So I bought her back . . .

Hosea 3:1-2 NLT

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3. WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

Has the LORD redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others He has redeemed you from your enemies.

Psalms 107:2 NLT

BLESSED ASSURANCE by Fanny Crosby

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 3:16-17 NKJV