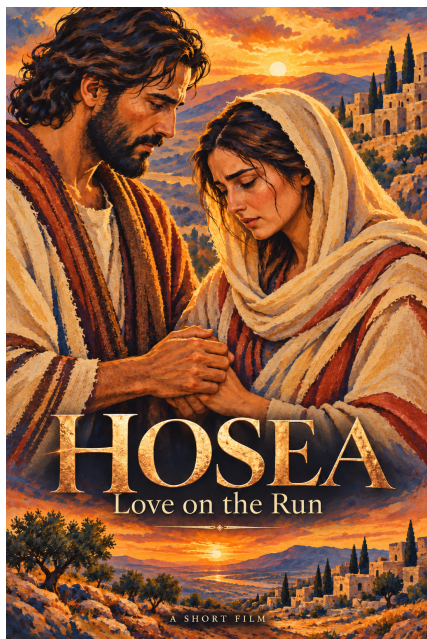




Hosea

Love on the Run

showtime
[Minor Prophets]
October 25, 2026

Questions for the Community

1. The sermon contrasts “fake love” with true love. What messages about love do we absorb from our culture, and how might they shape our expectations of God?
2. True love always costs the lover, takes risks, and grows over time. When have you experienced love like that, and what did it teach you?
3. Hosea’s marriage becomes a living picture of God’s relationship with Israel. What about this story challenges or surprises you most?
4. Israel turned to other gods despite God’s faithfulness. What “lesser gods” compete for our trust and affection today? How can we recognize when something good has become an idol?
5. The sermon describes *hesed* as loyal, dependable, deeply committed love. How does God’s steadfast love affect the way you approach him after you have failed?
6. Read Hosea 3:1–2. What do God’s command to love Gomer again and Hosea’s response reveal about God’s love for unfaithful people?
7. The sermon emphasizes that God loves us with personal affection and longing. Is it easier for you to believe God is committed to you or that he delights in you? Why?
8. Read Hosea 6:6. What might it look like to substitute religious activity for actually knowing and loving God? How can we cultivate the relationship God desires?
9. Read Hosea 11:8–9. What do these verses reveal about God’s compassion? How does this passage deepen or challenge your picture of him?
10. Read Hosea 14:1–4. What does returning to God involve in this passage? What might that look like in a specific area of your life this week?
11. The sermon connects Hosea buying back Gomer with Jesus redeeming us through his death. How does that connection help you understand both the seriousness of sin and the depth of God’s love?
12. Where do you sense God inviting you to stop running and receive his love? What is one practical response you can make this week, and how can this group support you in prayer?