

# The Child will become the Bridegroom

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Hosea 3:1-5

Hosea 3:1 <sup>1</sup>The LORD said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife....Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites,..."

## 1. Our relationship with God is like a marriage.

- A marriage is a relationship of priority.
- A marriage is a relationship of intimacy.
- A marriage is a relationship of transformation.

Hosea 3:1 <sup>1</sup>The LORD said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife *again*, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress."

## 2. Our relationship with God is like a bad marriage.

- It takes being betrayed to know how our sin impacts God.
- It takes being enslaved to know how our sin traps us.

Hosea 3:2 <sup>2</sup>So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. <sup>3</sup>Then I told her, "You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will live with you."

## 3. The Bridegroom pays the price to redeem us.

Hosea 3:4 <sup>4</sup>For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or idol. <sup>5</sup>Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.

Matthew 9:15 <sup>15</sup>Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast."