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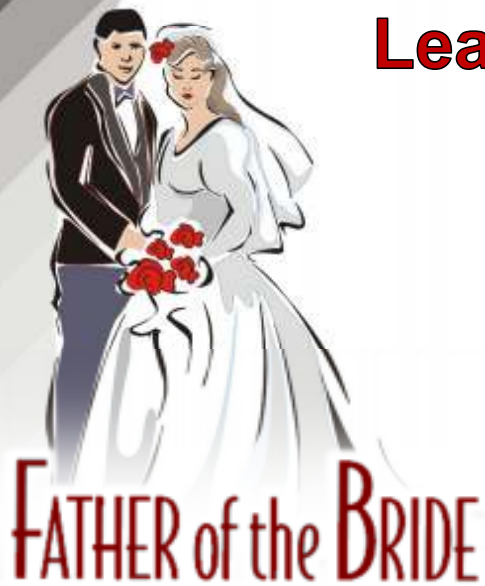
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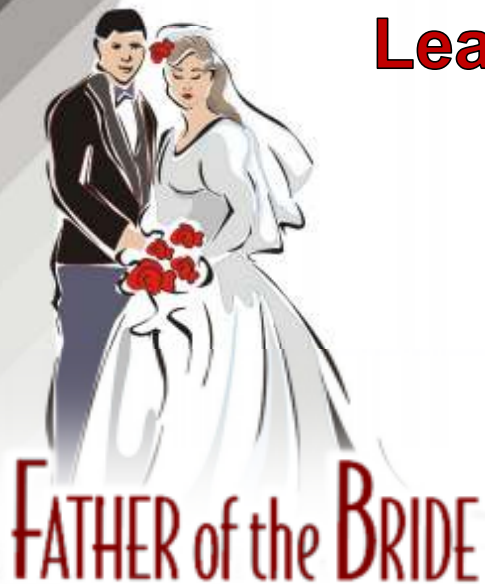
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*The family of the Bride*

85%

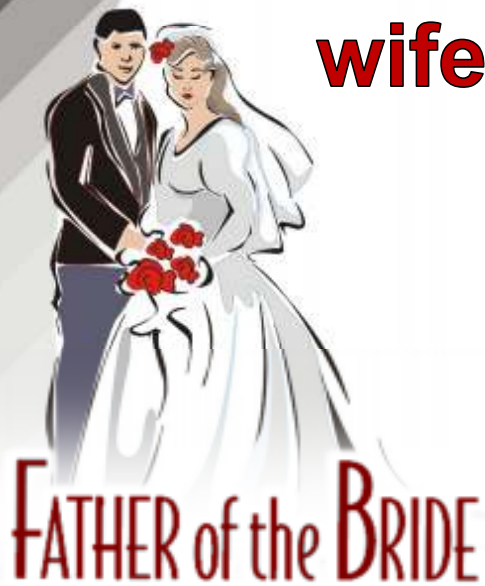


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## *The Bride Price*

**Make the price for the bride and the gift I am to bring as great as you like, and I'll pay whatever you ask me. Only give me the young woman as my wife."**

**Genesis 34:12**



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**Once the blessed event came, the bride's family  
was responsible for the ceremony, but it was the  
groom's family that paid for the "reception"  
(John 2:9-10)**



## *Ephesians 5:25-30*

**Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— for we are members of his body.**



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**But it's much deeper than just a physical death  
(Galatians 3:13)**

**Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by  
becoming a curse for us, for it is written:**

**“Cursed is everyone who  
is hung on a pole.”**



# *Redeemed*

**To gain or regain  
possession of  
(something)  
in exchange for payment**



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# *Redeemed*

**This is important because  
Christ gave something  
(His Life)  
to get something  
(Us)**



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*Redeeming the Bride*

*Hosea  
&  
Gomer*



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# About Hosea

1. Hosea like Jeremiah was a prophet
2. Where Jeremiah was in the Southern Kingdom (Judah), Hosea preached to the northern kingdom (Israel)
3. He would have most likely been a contemporary of Isaiah.
4. Like Jeremiah Hosea's message revolved around an object lesson

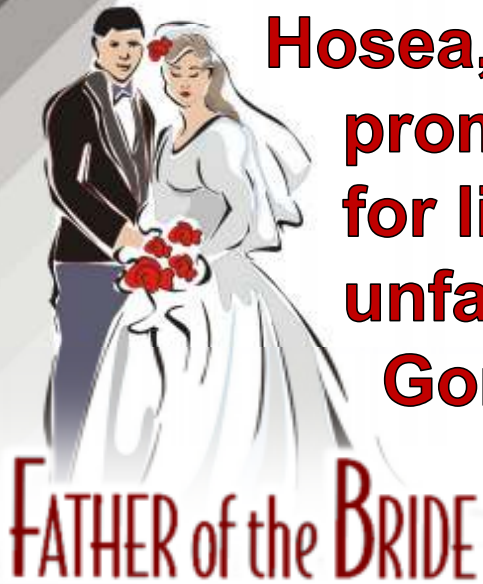


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# *Get Married*

**The word of the Lord that came to Hosea son of Beeri during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and during the reign of Jeroboam son of Jehoash king of Israel: When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, “Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord.” So, he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim**

**Hosea 1:1-3**



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**Choose a wife that will  
one day leave you**



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# *What's God's point?*

**For like an adulterous  
wife this land is guilty of  
unfaithfulness to the Lord.**

**Hosea 1:2**



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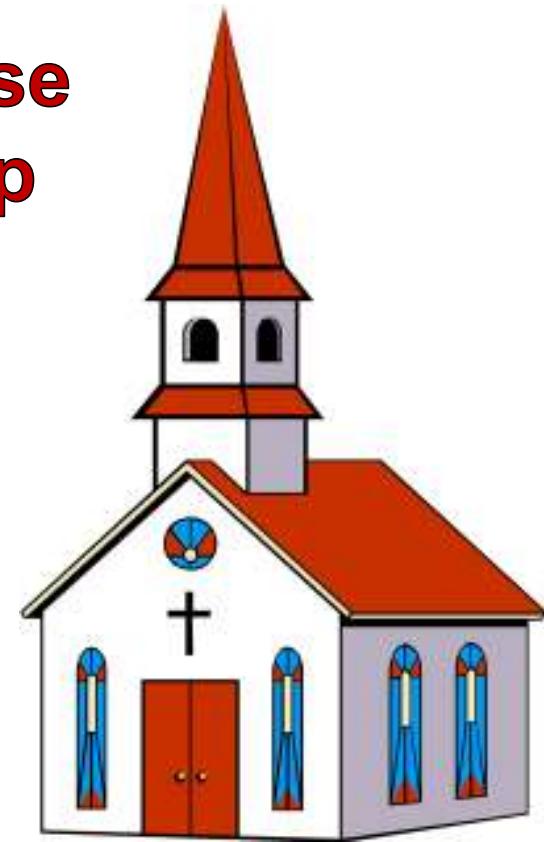


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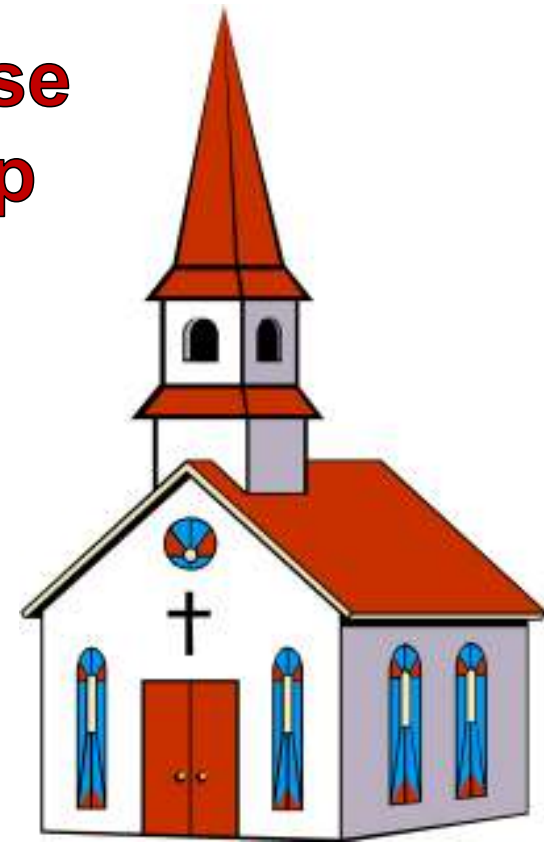
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**God knows exactly  
who we are**



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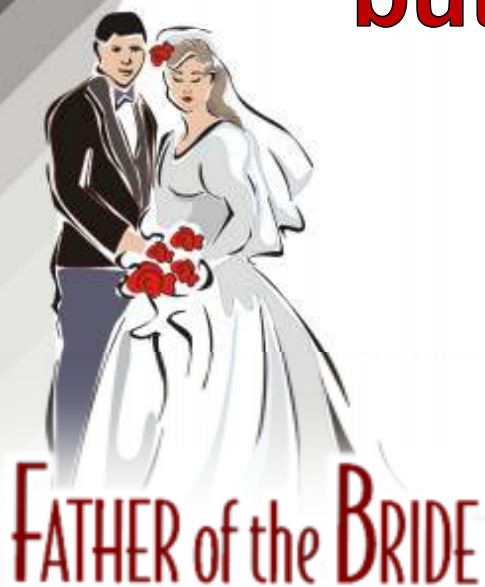
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**That has got to be a tough pill  
for Hosea to swallow**



## *The Buy Back*

**The Lord said to me, “Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes.” So, I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. 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 behave the same way toward you.”**



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**Hosea 3:1-3**

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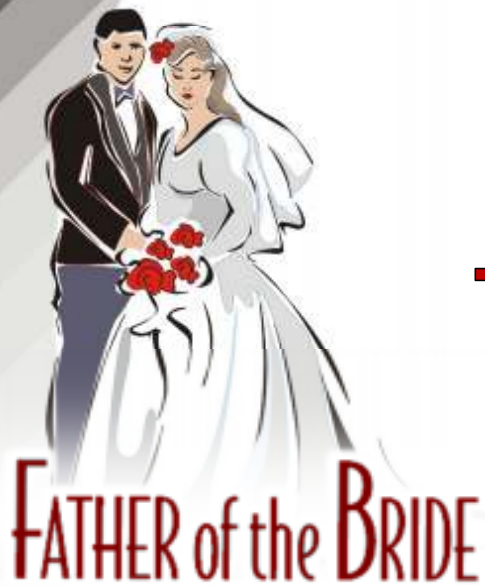
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**The first act of love Hosea does  
is buy her freedom**



# *You are to live with me many days*

- 1. He takes her home not as property but as his wife**
- 2. He offers her forgiveness and a future**
- 3. He does so as a gift to her**



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# *He requires her to turn from her sins*

- 1. You must not be a prostitute**
- 2. May not be intimate with  
any man**

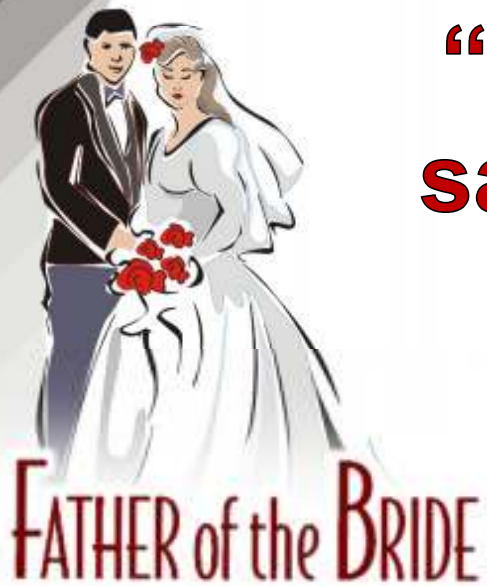


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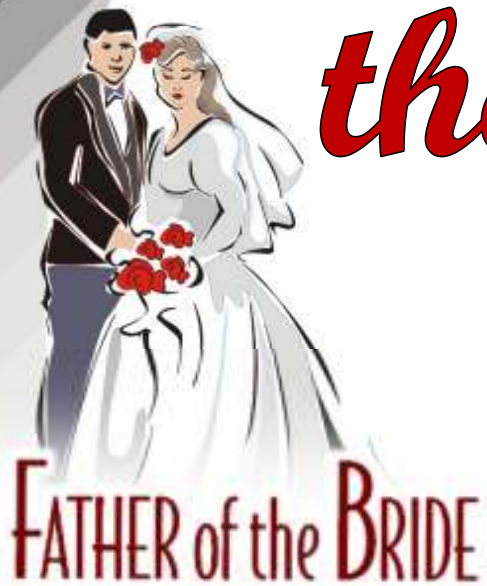


*He commits to her*

**“And I will behave the  
same way toward you”**



*How did  
their story end?*



## *The Book's Ending*

**Who is wise? Let them realize these things. Who is discerning? Let them understand. The ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them.**

**Hosea 14:9**





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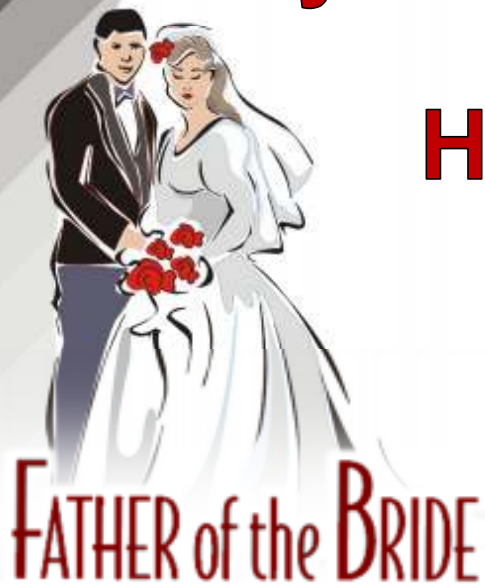
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**He desires an eternal  
relationship with you (future)**



# *Your Choice*

**But like Gomer he can  
purchase but we have to  
choose to except the  
relationship**



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The price has been paid.... What do you choose?