

**Hosea and Gomer**  
*"The Prophet and The Prostitute"*

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**Romans 5:6-8**

5) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

6) For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7) For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

8) But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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**The Historical Account of:  
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## Take a Wife of Prostitution

### Hosea 1:2-3

- 2) The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the LORD.
- 3) So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son.

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## Gomer Returns to Prostitution

### Hosea 2:2,5

- 2) Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;
- 5) For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink.

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## Gomer Sees That Grass is Not “Greener on the Other Side”

### Hosea 2:7

- 7) And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now.

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## Hosea Shows Resentment

### Hosea 2:10

10) And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand.

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## Hosea Restores Gomer

### Hosea 3:1-3

- 1) Then said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine.
- 2) So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for an homer of barley, and an half homer of barley:
- 3) And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for another man: so will I also be for thee.

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## Three Timeless Principles of Love

1. Love is a Way of Life, Not an Emotion

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## Do You Hate Your Brother?

1 John 4:20

20) If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

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## Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22

22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

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## It's Easy to Love Those Who Love You

Matthew 5:43-46

43) Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44) But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45) That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46) For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

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## Who Do You Love the Least

### Matthew 25:37-39

- 37) Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink?
- 38) When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*?
- 39) Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

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## Who Do You Love the Least

### Matthew 25:40

- 40) And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me.

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## Who Do You Love the Least

What is the sign of true followers? Is it the amount of knowledge that we have? Is it the money we give to missions? the degrees we've earned? the number of people we've preached to? the hours we've spent worshipping in church? the books we've read or written?

According to Jesus, the sign of the saved is their love for the least.

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**Three Timeless Principles of Love**

- 1. Love is a Way of Life, Not an Emotion
- 2. Love is Unconditional

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**For Better or Worse**

Ephesians 5:25,28

25) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

28) So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself

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**In Sickness and In Health**

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### **In Sickness and In Health**

Robertson McQuilken was president of Columbia Bible College and Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina. His wife, Muriel, was not only a devoted wife and mother, but also a painter, speaker, hostess for the college, fabulous cook, and host of her own radio program. Then Muriel was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Initially, the college board arranged for care, but then McQuilken decided to take early retirement to care for his wife.

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### **In Sickness and In Health**

In spite of her deterioration, McQuilken stood by her and continued to love her deeply. Eventually she rarely did more than mumble "nonwords." He wondered if he would ever hear her sweet voice again. Then came February 14, 1995. McQuilken writes:

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### **In Sickness and In Health**

Valentine's Day was always special at our house because that was the day in 1948 that Muriel accepted my marriage proposal. On the eve of Valentine's Day in 1995...I bathed Muriel on her bed, kissed her good night...and whispered a prayer over her, "Dear Jesus, you love sweet Muriel more than I, so please keep my beloved through the night; may she hear the angel choirs..."

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## In Sickness and In Health

The next morning while Muriel slowly emerged from sleep, I dipped into memories of some the happy Lover's Days long gone. Finally she popped awake and, as she often did, smiled at me. Then, for the first time in months, she spoke, calling out to me in a voice clear as a crystal chime, "Love... love... love..." I ran to embrace her. "Honey, you really do love me, don't you?" Holding me with her eyes and patting my back, she responded with the only words she could find to express agreement. "I'm nice," she said.

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## Without Division

Romans 12:9

9) Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

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## Authentic / Heartfelt Love

1 Peter 1:22

22) Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

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## Let Brotherly Love Continue

Hebrews 13:1

1) Let brotherly love continue.

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## Three Timeless Principles of Love

1. Love is a Way of Life, Not an Emotion
2. Love is Unconditional
3. Love is Inseparable With God

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## Greater Love

John 15:12-13

12) This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13) Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

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## Uncomprehensible Love

### Ephesians 3:19

- 17) That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,  
18) May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;  
19) And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

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## Nothing Can Separate

### Romans 8:35-39

- 35) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?  
36) As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.  
37) Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

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## Nothing Can Separate

### Romans 8:35-39

- 38) For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,  
39) Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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When love and skill work together,  
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**1 John 4:7-10**

7) Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8) He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9) In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10) Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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