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**2. Change begins when an            soul meets pure love.**

*Hosea 2:14 “Therefore I am going to allure her;”*

*Hosea 2:15 “There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. There she will sing as in the days of her youth....”*

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*“Rivers of living water; Come to me and drink; Come to me and you will find rest...”*

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**3. God calls us to be His           .**

*Hosea 2:19-20 “I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. I will betroth you in faithfulness, and you will acknowledge the Lord.”*

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*Hosea 2:16 In that day you will call me ‘my husband’; you will no longer call me ‘my master’.”*

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Key: pg.1: good; blessed; close; fill; fix. Pg. 2: self; bless; obligate. Pg. 3: desert; Pg. 4: ugly; bride

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## The Love of God

The Character of God—part 12

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**■ The Love of God: 3 inadequate definitions ■**

1. The “g           life”

2. The “b           life”

3. The “feeling c           to God life”

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“We’re not asking for more love but for less love.”

—C. S. Lewis

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Those who hear God’s story best are aware of two things:

■ (1) Something is missing inside that I can’t f          , and ■

(2) Something’s wrong with me that I can’t f          .

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### 3 Problems of the Human Heart

#### 1. We're determined to pursue our own s-interest

Hosea 2:2 "Rebuke (her) ...for she is not my wife and I am not her husband. Let her remove the adulterous look from her face...."

Matthew 22:37-38 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment."

#### 2. "I don't see why God would not bme."

Jer. 2:27a They say to wood, "You are my father," and to stone, "You gave me birth."

Jer. 2:27b "They have turned their backs to me and not their faces; yet when they are in trouble, they say, 'Come and save us!'"

#### 3. Our trouble o God.

Jer. 2:29 "Why do you bring charges against me? You have all rebelled against me."

Jeremiah 3:3-5 Therefore the showers have been withheld, and no spring rains have fallen. Yet you have the brazen

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look of a prostitute; you refuse to blush with shame. Have you not called to me: "My Father, my friend from my youth, will you always be angry? Will your wrath continue forever?" This is how you talk, but you do all the evil you can.

Hosea 2:13b "...she decked herself with rings and jewelry, and went after her lovers, but me she forgot."

### God's loving ways

Hosea 2:14 "Therefore I am going to allure her; I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her. There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. There she will sing as in the days of her youth.... In that day you will call me 'my husband'; you will no longer call me 'my master'."

#### 1. He takes us to the d.

Hosea 2:14 "I will lead her into the desert..."

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