

The God Who Never Stops Loving
(Even when we are unfaithful)
(Hosea 1-4)

Any Lie About Love Is a Lie About God - I Jo 4:8

- We need true love stories if we are ever going to live rightly - Hos 14:9
- If we do not abide in the true love of God, we will prostitute ourselves - Hos 4:10-15

When We Leave the True Love of God, We Are "Ruined" - Hos 4:14

- Defection from God brings disaster at home - Hos 4:1-3; 13:9
 - ...degradation of the individual
 - ...destruction of the family
 - ...devastation of the culture
- True Love does not tolerate what destroys love

Spiritual Unfaithfulness Is an Offense Against Love - Hos 4:1

- When truth is absent, lies take over - Hos 4:6
 - ...without absolute truth, there are no absolute standards for valuation - Hos 4:2
- We will then employ weapons of mass destruction, resulting in...
 - ...violence - 4:2; environmental disaster - 4:3; shamefulness - 4:7;
 - discontent/addictions - 4:10; loss of understanding - 4:11; bondage - 4:12
 - ...all judgment for mating ourselves to idols - 4:17

All the While We Are Being Perfectly Loved by God - I Jo 4:8; Jo 3:16; Ro 5:8-10

- The Son of God Himself redeems us at our worst - Hos 3:1-5; I Pet 18-19
 - ...we see the active love of God at work in every facet of our lives
 - ...alluring us even in our rebellion - Hos 2:14
 - ...giving us hope in place of our despair - Hos 2:15
 - ...joining us to Himself in a priceless union - Hos 2:19-20
- "Ready for the end of the story of His Love" - Hos 3:5 (M)
 - ...with a new name and a new home - Is 62:1-5