

See Yourself through His Eyes

Session 2: You are God's Beloved

Broken into Beautiful

Day 1

When did you first fall in love with God? What was the experience like? How did he win your heart?

What is the state of your relationship with Him right now?

Read Hosea 1:5-8

What stands out to you the most about this story?

What do you think caused Gomer to run from her husband's love? Why wasn't it enough?

In what ways do you run from God to other "lovers"?

What are you hoping you will find in them?

Take some time and journal about your experience with love. In what ways has your heart been broken? In whose love do you find your worth? Ask God to show you what or whom apart from Him are you seeking the fulfillment of your heart's longings.

Day 2

Read Hosea 2:14-23

What does the story of Hosea and Gomer show you about God's heart?

Has God ever led you into a desert?

Why does God need to lead us into the desert in order to win us back?

What does this passage say is important to God?

What are the key components of a healthy relationship with God based on this passage?

Day 3

Read Hosea 2:14-23 again

Look up the following verses and think about some of the different forms of idolatry and ask God to show you where your heart has wandered.

Jeremiah 3:12-13

AFFIRMATION

John 12:43

Galatians 1:10

How much does the affirmation of other people matter to you? How much of your worth is found in what people say about you?

CONTROL

Philippians 2:3

Are there any areas of your life where the control you have gives you security, makes you feel important, or takes the place of your pain?

BITTERNESS

Psalms 73:21-26

Is there any pain residing in your heart that has taken a hold of your attention? Do you focus more on the wounds of the past than you do on who God has created you to be?

RESPONSIBILITY/SUCCESS

Philippians 3:5-9

What role do you carry that makes you feel the most important? Is there anything you are doing right now, that if it was taken away, you would feel less valuable as a person? Does success makes you feel better about yourself?

RELATIONSHIPS

Psalms 63:1-8

What relationships do you find your worth in? Is the way you view yourself dependent on the way others view you? How much do you crave relationships that make you feel important?

Take some time and journal about your relationship with God. Where is He leading you right now? How have you been running from Him? Do you call him “master” or “husband”? What names of your idolatry does He need to wipe from your lips?

Day 4

Read Hosea 2:14-23 again

Pick one verse to meditate on today. Write it out.

Why did you pick this verse?

Is there any imagery in the verse?

What does the verse bring to mind about your life?

Are there any words you don't understand? Write them down and then look up their meanings either in a regular dictionary or on Biblegateway.com. What other verses have those words in them.

Does the verse bring up any questions in your heart?

Go to Biblegateway.com again. Look up the verse in different translations. Write out a few. What are the differences? Do you gain any new insight?

Day 5

**What do these verses say about how God feels about you? Who are you in His eyes?
What is your response?**

Matthew 10:30-31

Song of Solomon 1:15

Song of Solomon 2:14

Exodus 19:4

Isaiah 43:1

Jeremiah 31:3-4

Write out a prayer to your Beloved. Claim yourself as His beloved. What does your heart need to hear from Him today? What difference does being His beloved make in your life?