

Men and Women: Reflecting God's Faithfulness

Hosea 1-3, 11

What does it mean to be faithful?

Different by Design

- A. *The unique relationship of marriage: built on a foundation of faithfulness.*

Biblical marriage imagery:

Betrothal, bride and groom, marriage supper;... adultery, unfaithfulness.

*Marriage: not a contract,
but a _____.*

Malachi 2:13-14

- B. *A dramatic example of faithfulness: Hosea and Gomer.*

Read Hosea 1:1-2, 9; 2:2,5

- *Faithfulness is rooted in _____.*
- *Faithfulness is a struggle and a treasure in a _____.*
Sadness, grief, disappointment, ...
* *Faithfulness sometimes must be tough.* 2:6-7,10
* *Faithfulness sometimes must be soft.* 2:14

Read Hosea 3:1-5

- *Faithfulness _____ in love again and again.* 3:1
70 x 7
- *Faithfulness is willing to _____.* 3:2-3
It always requires sacrifice.
- *Faithfulness is sweetened with _____.* 11:1-10
- *Faithfulness _____.*
Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.