



Till Death Do Us Part

"I Love Gomer" Hosea 3:1-5
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1:1-9 The _____ Picture

1:10,11 God's _____ Love

3:1-5 A _____ For Gomer

Application...

1. Marriage illustrates the reality of God's unconditional love for His people
2. We have a choice.



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Three realities of love are hugely difficult for us to personally accept: 1) Believing that God loves us; 2) Believing that we are lovable; and 3) Loving ourselves. Which of these do you have the most trouble with? Why? The degree to which we accept each of these three realities will effect our ability to love others.

Consider that the place to begin is by accepting that God loves you. John 3:16 tells us that God loves the world. But, it is those who "believe" who do not perish and have everlasting life. While God's love is unconditional (God choosing to love us despite who we are as sinners) the reality of God's love must be accepted in order to be applied to our lives. What does it mean to accept God's love?

Accepting God's love means admitting that we are sinners whom God loves and choosing to believe that Jesus really is the Savior - God Who came and died in our place to pay the penalty for our sin. Believing is a choose to trust God with our lives - now and forever.

Have you chosen to accept God's love for you?

Ephesians 5:32,33 takes marriage to a whole different level than most people generally think about. Marriage illustrates the reality of God's unconditional love for His people. Do you think of your marriage that way? Or, if single - is your purpose in dating / courting shaped by God's purposes for marriage?

In what ways might your marriage be an illustration of God's unconditional love? What needs to change within you (individually and as a couple) in order for your marriage to be more of an expression of God's unconditional love?

Every day we make choices in how we love others. As one who has been loved by God, how are you doing in expressing God's love towards others? What steps might you take to be more loving?