I want to KNOW YOU**:** the Attributes of God

**LOVE**

**LESSON 15** *questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.*

1. What truth, verse, or insight has helped you know Him better as a God of **Wrath**?

2. Pray and ask for God’s power to grasp His **love** as portrayed in the book of **Hosea**.

a) Before we begin to plumb the depths of the lavish **love** of God, how is **love** often portrayed in popular culture?

b) Which person is or has been a good model of **love** to you and why?

Note: The book of Hosea is a real **love** story between Hosea and Gomer that also symbolizes the real **love** story between God and His people.

3. What were the Lord’s instructions to Hosea in **Hosea 1:1**-**3**,and why did the Lord give them?

1. a) How did Gomer respond to Hosea’s marital **love**?

* **2:4-5**
* **2:7-8, 13b**

b) How did Hosea continue to **love** her in **2:14**?

5. Read about Hosea’s reconciliation with his wife in **3:1-5**.

a) What did God ask of Hosea in **V1**?

b) Why do you think he had to buy her in **V2**? (Use your imagination to describe how Gomer might have gotten to that place.)

6. a) What were the parameters of Hosea’s arrangement with Gomer (**V3**)?

b) Put yourself in Hosea’s shoes thus far. How would you feel? Comment on whether you think you could follow God’s instructions in showing **love** like that.

7. According to **V4**, what would be the consequences of Israel’s unfaithfulness to God? How is the restoration of Israel pictured in **V5**?

8. Who lives like Gomer in your sphere of influence? Do you long to see him or her come trembling to the Lord? How might you extend **love** to that person?

9. In **Hosea 11**, we see a shift from God’s **love** expressed as a Husband to that of a Father. From **Hosea 11:1-4** what terms of endearment reflect His affection for Israel?

10. a) Sadly, Israel did not respond to God’s Fatherly **love**. How did Israel behave according to **Hosea 11:2-7**?

b) How do you see the Father’s **love** despite Israel’s stubbornness in **V8-9**?

c) None of us lives out a perfect commitment to the Lord. Over the course of your spiritual journey, in what subtle or overt ways have you behaved like a wayward child?

11. How was restoration depicted in **V10-11**?

12. What is most remarkable to you about the **love** of God expressed in:

* **Jeremiah 31:3**
* **Romans 5:7-8**
* **Romans 8:38-39**
* **1 John 3:1a**

13. Grab hold of one truth about the **love** of God from this Lesson and proclaim it here.

14. How can knowing better the depth and fullness of God’s **love** influence how you handle challenging situations or relationships?

**DIGGING DEEPER**

1. We **love** because He first **loved** us from **Romans 5:5b**. Reflect how we can l**ove** with His kind of **love**.

2. Jesus raises the bar on showing **love** in **Matthew 5:43-47**. Provide your thoughts on what He tells us to do and why it must be so?

3. Read **1 Corinthians 13:4-8a** as God’s expression of the ways He **loves** you. Which of these expressions of **love** does someone in your life need from you? Explain.

4. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **1 John 3:1a**

b) Let **Ephesians 3:17b-19** lead you to into prayer.

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