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 - Reveals “real-life” principles of what it means to be in a relationship with God

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- He wants to preserve His relationship with them while demonstrating to the world Who He is and how He is different from what they know of gods

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- Marriage is relationship which demonstrates Covenant commitment

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God chooses to use this "Minor" prophet to paint a major picture of who He is and how seriously He takes Covenant commitments

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God also demonstrates through Hosea how ready He is to reconcile a relationship which seems hopelessly broken.

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But the choice
is always ours
to accept Him
or reject Him.

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gives up on the people
in our lives
who hurt us.

But the choice
is always ours
to seek His healing
and reconciliation
in those relationships.

We are the canvass
God is painting on today -
and the accuracy of the image
depends on our willingness
to let Him have His way
in our lives.