## A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study Date: September 20, 2023 Hosea 3

- 1. What has happened in the first 2 chapters of Hosea?
  - A. God told Hosea to marry a promiscuous woman as a metaphor to help Israel understand how God feels about their unfaithfulness.
  - B. Hosea names his children names like "not my people" to make it clear how God feels about this unfaithfulness.
  - C. Hosea corrected his wife and invited others to join him in declaring that she was wrong.
  - D. Hosea was desperate and wanted to put stumbling blocks and walls in front of her so that she could not continue to go astray.
  - E. God ultimately continues to declare that he will forgive and be merciful and in the place where Israel was called "not my people," they will again be called "children of the God."
- 2. What did God say to Hosea in 3:1?

Would this have been a normal thing to do for Israelites or for a man of God? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ Explain.\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be able to do this? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is God telling him to do this?

3. What did Hosea do in 3:2?\_\_\_\_\_

What did he tell her in 3:3?

Does this match with the message from God that we have received when we have been saved (see John 8) Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ Explain.\_\_\_\_\_

What do we think it means to be "saved" by the grace of God? Don't we sometimes think it is forgiveness without change? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What is the prophecy or message in 3:4-5 that is being shown by Hosea's actions?