Did you mean it?
Have you ever realized that God used the love story of Hosea and Gomer to compare to His relationship with us? I know what you’re thinking and yes, Gomer is a girls name! The unique thing about God using this relationship as the comparison is that this relationship is messed up! And that's putting it lightly!

Scripture References:
Hosea 1:2-3 ESV

The Relationship Timeline
- God tells Hosea (a prophet of God) to marry Gomer (the prostitute......the bible does not tell us if she was practicing prostitution at the time of the engagement or if she was a known for previously being a prostitute).
- The marriage is going good.
- Gomer gives birth to their first child. It's a boy!
- The marriage continues to go well.
- Gomer begins to become dissatisfied with her marriage and starts spending more and more time outside the home. No more evening coffee together while the sunsets. No more reading books together while the baby plays in the floor. She begins to drift away from Hosea.
- Shortly after the second child is born, Gomer conceives a third child.
- Hosea is confident that his wife is unfaithful. He is crushed.
- Gomer doesn't care anymore and begins to engage in relationship after relationship with other men.
- Gomer sells herself into slavery.
- Hosea continues to pursue.
- After a broken relationship with one of her flings, Gomer sells herself into slavery.
- Hosea continues to pursue Gomer.
- Hosea purchases his own wife from slavery.
- Gomer is restored in full capacity as the bride of Hosea.

The Comparison
- It’s crazy that God chose this relationship to compare His relationship with us.
- God represents Hosea.
- We represent Gomer......all of our sin, all of our mistakes, all of the times we use God, and all the times we turn our backs on God.

4 Things You Need To Know
- #1 Jesus wants a relationship with you no matter what your past looks like.
  - Gomer was a prostitute. The complete opposite of purity.
  - She not only sinned but made a living from it.
- #2 Jesus desires to have a relationship with you no matter how many times you turn your back on him.
  - Gomer turned her back on Hosea time and time again, yet he continued to pursue her.
- #3 Jesus will continue to pursue you in hopes to restore you to what He created you to be.
  - The gospel tells us that you were created for purpose. Gomer had a purpose and Hosea pursued her until she was able to fill that purpose. God will never stop pursuing you because He created you for a specific purpose.
- #4 Jesus paid the price on the cross to purchase all the sin that you have, and will ever have.

Sermon Discussion

What can you learn from this love story?
1. In a marriage you must repeat the words: "I do". These words mean that you are vowing to stick together for better or worse, richer or poorer, sickness and in health, until death do you part.
   • Did you mean it? Did you mean it when you gave your heart to Jesus? Did you say "I Do" and mean it? He did!
2. How can you make your relationship with God better?