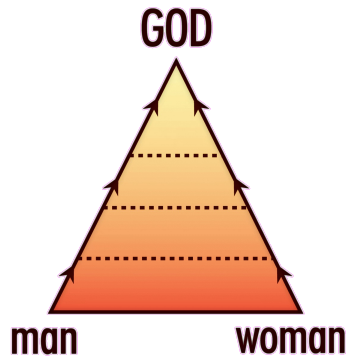


## Grace In Marriage

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### 1. What lesson do we learn from the book of Hosea?

- a) We must relate to our spouse just as God relates to us

### 2. How does God relate to us?

- a) Psalm 103:10 "He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor rewards us according to our iniquities"
- b) Romans 5:8 "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us"
- c) John 3:17 "For God did not send His Son to the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him."
- d) (Lesson) God does not give up on us, but continually shows us grace.

### 3. How do we show grace to our spouse?

- a) Definition of "grace" - unmerited favor when we deserve the opposite
- b) Gomer:
  - broke her marriage covenant, undesirable lifestyle, brought hurts to the family and to herself, no merits to receive love from Hosea
- c) Hosea:
  - forgiving, restoring, willing to forgive her past

- not accusing, chiding, or finding fault
- appreciating, content with who she is

d) What “grace” is not:

- it is not a license to continue one's unacceptable behavior or attitude, but a provision to be empowered to transform from within. Grace is not a kind of weakness in the part of the one who shows, but it is a kind of strength, maturity, and an imitation of our Heavenly Father.

#### **4. Today's Take Away (two – vertical and horizontal)**

- a) Get a better glimpse of how God deals with you
- b) Imitate God in your dealing with your spouse