

**OF FAITH AND DISOBEDIENCE: Part 3**

**Hosea 2:14-23**

1. The first half of chapter two of Hosea focuses on the DEFECTION of Israel, the bride, away from God as illustrated by Gomer's desertion of Hosea. Like Gomer, Israel worshiped false gods.
2. *"You shall have no other gods before me...You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a JEALOUS God."* Exodus 20:3, 5
3. Life has its VALLEYS, those times that haunt our memories of failure and sin. These can prevent us from seeing God's vision for our future.
4. *"I am the DOOR. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."* John 10:9-10
5. The cross and resurrection is our door of HOPE. When we pass through, we are forgiven and begin to grow closer to God until we join him in heaven forever.
6. *"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' BLOOD and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name."* Pastor Edward Mote, 1834
7. *"And she will SING there as in the days of her youth, as in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt."* Hosea 2:15b (NASB)
8. *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and OPENS the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."* Revelation 3:20
9. *"The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens. I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to SHUT. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name."* Revelation 3:7, 8
10. *"I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will have MERCY on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people; and he shall say, 'You are my God.'"* Hosea 2:23