

Wrecked

Wrecked To Reconciled (Week 3)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

A wrecked relationship is ready for reconciliation.

Key Scriptures

When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, "Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord." So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. Hosea 1:2-3

The Lord said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes." So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. Hosea 3:1-2

Then I told her, "You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will behave the same way toward you." Hosea 3:3

For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or household gods. Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the Lord and to his blessings in the last days. Hosea 3:4-5

Wrecked Relationships:

1. Can lead to isolation and anger.
2. Often cause us to give up on people.
3. May become abusive.

Reconciliation:

1. Takes commitment.
2. Is costly.
3. Requires conflict.

Start talking.

- Why do you think that this crisis has taken such a relational toll on each of us?
- What has grieved and angered you the most about what has occurred over the past few weeks?

Start thinking.

- Read Hosea 3:1-2. How does Hosea's commitment to Gomer – even at great cost - inform our response to the issues that inevitably arise in our marriages today?
- How does it inform our response to relational issues in other arenas of life? Family, friends, society, etc.?
- Pastor Ryan mentioned that commitment is the foundation of healthy relationships and makes reconciliation possible? Do you agree or disagree?
- Tensions are very high in almost every arena of life – from families to race issues to politics. What would a healthy first step towards reconciliation be in each of these areas?

Start sharing.

- Have you ever experienced reconciliation with someone after a serious offense? What did it cost you? Was there any conflict in the process?
- Where have you looked for loopholes and placed limits on the closest relationships in your life?
- Where have you leaned away from conflict and setting healthy boundaries?

Start doing.

- What is one tangible step you can take towards reconciliation this week, in your marriage and/or with those who are closest to you?
- What is one tangible step you can take towards reconciliation regarding issues of race this week?

Closing prayer.

Jesus, I praise you, because at great cost, you committed yourself to me. Thank you for experiencing pain, suffering, and death on my behalf. Thank you for standing in my place, so that I could be reconciled to the Father. Help me to live humbly. Help me, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to follow your example as I commit myself to others, even when it costs me everything. Teach me what it look like to love others without loopholes or limits.