

Sunday AM Sermon – May 23, 2021

# Family Roots: Fidelity

Hosea 3:1-3



Perhaps nothing is as jarring to the stability of a family as infidelity. Such infidelity is not new. Even one of God's chosen prophets had to endure it in order to display the glory and wonder of God. Today we talk about the root importance of fidelity to the welfare of a home.



1. Mark the number of times you hear these words:

(In)fidelity –  
Marriage –  
Gomer –

2. What is the truth about sex outside of marriage?
3. What do you find most amazing about what God asked of Hosea?
4. Why did God ask Hosea to take Gomer back into his home?
5. First, to strengthen fidelity, Live by \_\_\_\_\_
6. Why are husbands and wives often divided?
7. What are some things husbands and wives need to be doing together?
8. Second, to strengthen fidelity, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ family relationship
9. What are some things that couples need to do to keep from drifting apart?
10. Third, to strengthen fidelity, Learn how to \_\_\_\_\_
11. What needs to be happening in the early years of marriage?
12. Fourth, to strengthen fidelity, Don't keep \_\_\_\_\_
13. What does darkness equal?
14. Fifth, to strengthen fidelity, \_\_\_\_\_
15. How is the bond of emotional intimacy built in marriage?
16. Why must we learn the gift of grace and forgiveness?



## Faith Talk, Faith Walk

*Spend time with family or friends (maybe over a meal or during a family devotional) discussing the following related to the sermon*

**Faith Talk:** Of the five suggestions to strengthen fidelity, which one resonates most with you and why?

**Faith Walk:** Be intentional in strengthening the fidelity of your marriage and more aware of dangers.

*If you are here and have been touched or convicted by something said or done today we would love to study the Bible with you and introduce you more fully to our Savior, Jesus Christ. Just call the church office at 795-4377 and we will set something up. God bless you!*

Next Sunday AM Sermon – Family Roots: Selflessness (Matthew 15:21-28)

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***Discussion Starter Questions***

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1. We live in a time when many people reason that they need to have sexual experience before marriage as a trial for marriage – that it will help the marriage relationship. What is the truth?
2. Avoiding infidelity is an important part of protecting marriage, but that doesn't ensure that a marriage is honoring God. What does God want a Christian marriage to look like?
3. God used His prophet Hosea as a living illustration of God's love for Israel. God required great sacrifice and heartache from Hosea. And Hosea obeyed. How does that affect or inspire you?
4. How does living by God's values protect a marriage?
5. How does nurturing the primary family relationship protect a marriage?
6. How does learning to fight well protect a marriage?
7. How does rejecting secrecy protect a marriage?
8. How does practicing selfless love protect a marriage?
9. Many people expect marriage to be a magical experience where romance, routines and relationship simply falls neatly into place. But God meant for marriage to be a refining ground. If you are married, in what ways has marriage refined you? If you are not married, what areas in your life do you think God might want to refine you?