

Series | Named By God Sermon | Renamed By Stubborn Grace

Hosea 1:1-2:1 (NAS)

Sermon Outline

- 1. Shocking Situation
- 2. Startling Signs
- 3. Stubborn Grace

Pre-Sermon Question: What do you think it means to "belong" to someone else in a relationship?

Reflection Questions

- 1. Why does God use the marriage experience as a metaphor for his relationship with his people? How is he faithful, and how is Israel unfaithful?
- 2. The names of the children are meant to indicate God's judgment on them. What is the goal in pronouncing these judgments?
- 3. Why is there so much tension between God's anger at sin and his love/compassion for his people? Why is it important to not resolve this tension too quickly or easily?
- 4. What do you make of all the reversals experienced by the children (names changed, promises made, a glorious future given to them)?
- 5. How does Jesus make sense of this story? Of God's approach to our sin? Of the identities (positive and negative) of the children?