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Topic: [The Book of Hosea: A Relentless Love](#)
Text: [Hosea 2:14-23](#)

1. The Father desires that His children should return to Him. Israel was in wanton idolatry, far away from the Lord. God will bring Israel back, not by coercion or terror. God will allure Israel. This allurement will be so powerfully irresistible. How often have we failed the Lord? Yet, the Lord is gentle in His chastisement to bring us back to Himself.

2. God reached out relentlessly to restore the relationship. *Ishi* means my husband. *Baalim* means lord (as over an enslaved person). God would take away the false idols from Israel. God will also relentlessly bless Israel (v18-23). Verse 18 will be fulfilled in the millennium (see Isaiah 11:1-9). There will be peace when the Lord Jesus Christ reigns from Jerusalem. What is the best gift? (v19). What can be sweeter than the righteousness found in the Lord Jesus?

3. Now, Israel shall have a true knowledge of God. Remember the names of Gomer's children- Jezreel, Loruhamah and Loammi. Now, Israel shall be scattered, bearing good fruit for a rich harvest. Israel shall also obtain mercy. She shall also be called the people of God.

May we know the depth of this love and respond rightly to the magnificent love of God.