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Hosea 2: 14-19

¹⁴Therefore, I will now allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. ¹⁵From there I will give her her vineyards, and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. There she shall respond as in the days of her youth, as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁶On that day, says the Lord, you will call me, “My husband,” and no longer will you call me, “My Baal.” ¹⁷For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be mentioned by name no more. ¹⁸I will make for you a covenant on that day with the wild animals, the birds of the air, and the creeping things of the ground; and I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land; and I will make you lie down in safety. ¹⁹And I will take you for my wife forever; I will take you for my wife in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy.

- 1.) Does the marriage metaphor work for God’s relationship with the church today?
- 2.) If Hosea were creating a “history of transgression” for Christians, what dark episodes in the life of the church would he ask us to remember?
- 3.) What are the fruits of faithfulness in your own life?