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For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is His name; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.

—ISAIAH 54:5

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

—EPHESIANS 5:31-32

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Hosea 2:2-8, 19-23



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### **Parallels**

Both spiritual and physical adultery are against God's law.

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Both spiritual and physical adultery begin with disappointment and dissatisfaction—either real or imagined—with an already existing relationship.

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Both spiritual and physical adultery begin with diverting affection from one object of devotion to another.

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Both spiritual and physical adultery involve a process of deterioration; it is not usually an impulsive decision.

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## **Parallels**

Both spiritual and physical adultery involve the creation of a fantasy about what a new object of love can do for you.

# **Hear the Message**

While we may be unfaithful, God is faithful and moves to bring judgment on sin.

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Hosea

Ingratitude 2:8; 4:1,6; 8:14; 13:4-6

Idolatry 4:17; 5:4; 8:4-6; 10:5-6

Infidelity 6:4-10; 7; 8:9

Injustice 4:1-2; 7:1-15

Sin not only breaks God's law, sin breaks God's heart!

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# **Experience the Truth**

God says broken relationships are reconcilable through His mercy, love and grace.

Reassurance

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God is Faithful

### Restoration

Forgiveness is Possible

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

-1 JOHN 1:9

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## Redemption

Grace is Indescribable

"This is the story of the Bible, isn't it?

At Bethlehem, God entered the slave market where the whole human race was putting itself up for auction, prostituting itself and its humanity to a cheapened life. But on the cross the Lord Jesus paid the price, the full price for our freedom, and bought us back."

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"This is the story of God's love and God's heart—His loving desire to make His people the full persons He intended for them to be."

-RAY C. STEDMAN

"O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths that flow,
may richer, fuller be."

-GEORGE MATHESON

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