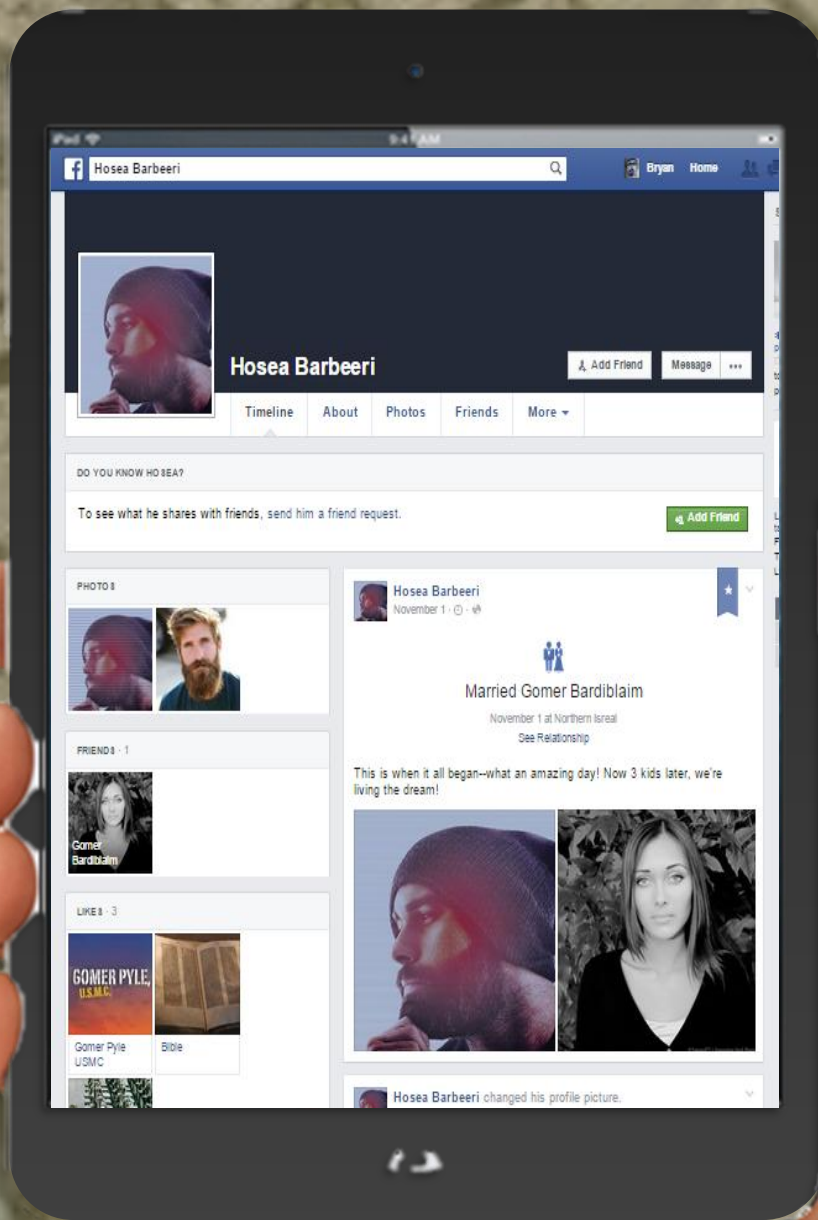




# IT'S COMPLICATED





## New Message

**Don't forget to review the announcements!**

To: MC<sup>3</sup>ers

- Just as a reminder so far during this series we have heard that “God is Head Over Heels in Love with Us” and that “Sin is Like Having an Affair on God.” **Read Hosea 1:2b.** Who has ever heard a sermon based on Hosea before? How many of you is this the first time you’ve learned about Hosea and Gomer? What about this series on Hosea has stood out to you?
- **Read Psalms 36:5.** If God is head over heels in love with us why do you think we often struggle with that concept?
- In your own mind, what do you assume God feels when you come to His mind? Where do you think your assumption of how God feels about you stems from?
- How does our image of how God feels towards us often taint our lives and our potential? How does it impact our relationship with God and others?
- How could you trusting what God says in how he feels about us change your self awareness and awareness of others?
- Does anyone remember why God told Hosea to marry Gomer? What was it a picture of? Can someone describe what the state of Israel was like during Hosea’s time?



- Read Romans 3:23.** “Sin is like having an affair on God” is a statement that seems pretty cut and dry. What was your first reaction to that? Why is sin like having an affair on God?

- When it comes to sin, we may often find ourselves withdrawing from God or things of God, betraying him further the deeper we go, and denying our sin to the point of blaming others or blinding ourselves to it. Can anyone share a time when you were a kid and did something wrong only to follow up with further actions of withdrawal, betrayal, and or denial?

- How do you find yourself reacting to sin in your life now? Do you withdraw from God or Godly things? Do you get to the point that you become calloused to it and keep on sinning? Do you find fault with others you feel are causing you to sin? What is wrong with that?

- Once a person withdraws themselves from God because they don't feel they are adequate where they are currently at, why do you think it becomes harder and harder to return back to God? Who is really winning that struggle and why?

- Read Romans 6:6.** We have a choice to make when it comes to sin that we get caught up in. What does that choice look like for you and what are some practical lessons you've learned that you can share with the group on how to overcome these urges with God's help?

- What about this series on Hosea and Gomer can you most personally identify with so far?



## Bible Verses

**Hosea 1:2b (NIV)**- "Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the LORD."

**Psalms 36:5 (NIV)**- Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

**Romans 6:6 (CEV)**- We know that the persons we used to be were nailed to the cross with Jesus. This was done, so our sinful bodies would no longer be the slaves of sin.

## Announcements

### Hosea Invite

This is week 2 of our Hosea: It's Complicated... series, that is a powerful picture of God's amazing love for us! We really feel that this series is a message that needs to be heard and want to use this as an opportunity for you to invite friends or family--who don't already have a church home--to come to mc3 for the month of Nov. Please join us in praying for this series, and for who you can invite. Don't worry, we'll have some fun too!

### Snow Plans

It's that time of year again... In the event of inclement weather that would force a cancellation of the Worship Experienc2e be sure to check our Facebook ([facebook.com/mc3Church](https://facebook.com/mc3Church)) or Twitter ([twitter.com/mc3Church](https://twitter.com/mc3Church)) pages (our Twitter page is viewable without an account). These can also be found by clicking on one of the boxes in the upper right corner of our website at [mc3Church.org](https://mc3Church.org). We will make the decision by 8:30am, so please refresh at that time--no news means we're still on.

### 5th Sunday|November: A Thanksgiving Experienc2e

November has another 5th Sunday and for every 5th Sunday we don't meet in the building. For this month's 5th Sunday, we are going to do A Thanksgiving Experienc2e, that will be a guided Thanksgiving worship event with your Pr1me Group. More details will come, but mark your calendars now...