

by You now God are called

YOUR GIFT: A NEW NAME

What does love look like?
What does **God's** love look like?

TEXT: HOSEA 14:1-3

The prophet Hosea is told by God to *live out* the amazing love that God has for each of us. This story is beyond surprising – it's shocking!

God's love for each of us is so wild and persistent that God will love us beyond our rebellion, stubbornness, and frozen hearts.

God instructs Hosea, the one living love for God, to "Return... bring back, re-name the kids..."

This love history of God's is meant to draw us toward God's best for us.

All those living in alien land are invited to be "Home."

All those not loved become "Loved."

All those not my people become forever "My people."

How do we get into this action? By returning to the Lord – bringing what?
Words!

Words that say:

Forgive me.

I'm sorry.

I've been gone too long.

Help!

What is the new name you most need to hear spoken?

You are now called by God:

FORGIVEN, FREE, LOVED, HEALED, WISE,
LOVED, ADOPTED, BOLD, TENDER, FUNNY,
TREASURED, LOVED, CLEAN, FRIEND,

As you consider these truths:

IS THERE A **QUESTION**?

IS THERE A **CHALLENGE**?

IS THERE AN **ANSWER**?