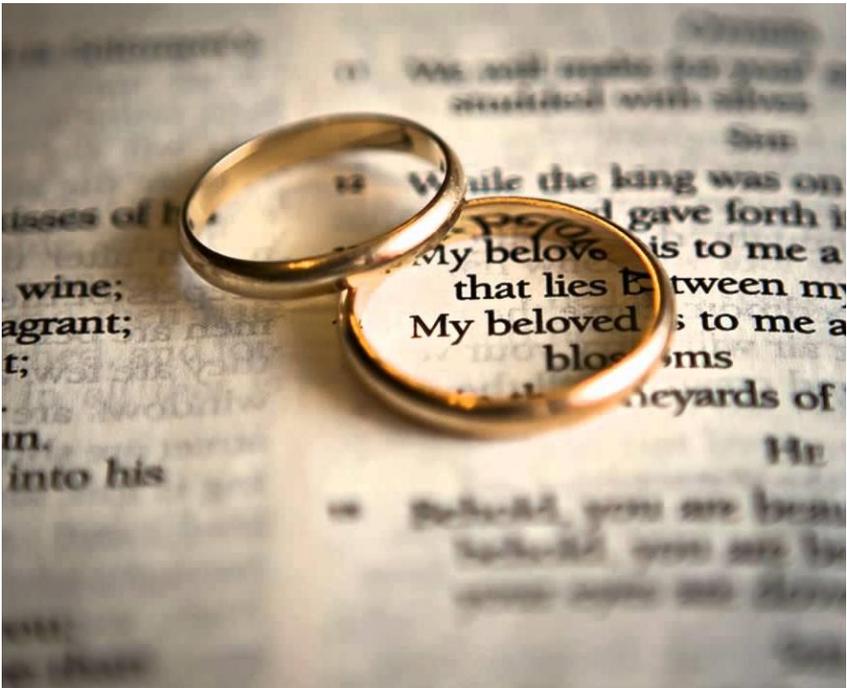


# **A Husband and Wife's Love Song of Solomon**



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## **Day 1**

How would people in the world, non-Christians, say you show love for someone else?

How does a Christian differ from the world in how we say we show love for someone else?

This month we are looking at love letters between Solomon and his wife. We get to see how much they love and cherish each other. They love each other physically, emotionally and spiritually. We will see the depth of love a man should have for a woman in a marriage relationship. This book is in the Bible, not to be a picture of God's relationship to the church, but to show what a Godly marriage should look like. Ask God to help you read and understand his word as you read and study it.

### **Read Song of Solomon 1:1-4**

What does the woman say about her husband in verses 2 and 3?

Think about her language, what is she saying about her husband behind the poetry?

What do we see about their relationship in verse 4a?

Our marriages are on display for others to see. What do the people who see Solomon and his wife say in verse 4b? What do you think they saw to make them say this?

Think of a married couple you know, how do you see and know that the wife loves the husband?

PRAYER – Pray for your parents, or another couple you know, that they would express their love for each other.

## **Day 2**

Why is talking about sex an uncomfortable topic for so many people?

Why is it important to talk about sex in a God honoring way?

Sex is not comfortable. I can see parents drawing straws for who gets to have the conversation with their children. It is something that is filled with dread. As a parent I understand why. Yet, God included this book about sex and beauty in the Bible, the very book we want our children to read. I think God knew it was important to talk about sex with our children. Today we see Solomon and his wife talking about it in their dialogue. Ask God to convince you of his truths as you read His word today.

### **Read Song of Solomon 1:5-11**

How is the wife describing herself in verses 5 and 6? What struggles did she deal with in her family because of her looks?

Look at verse 5, the woman is not asking about sheep and shepherding. What is she asking her husband about? Why does she ask it in this way?

What does Solomon say to his wife in verses 8 to 10?

Think about his words, how do you know he really loves this woman?

What are ways you can start even now to pray for the man or woman God may be preparing for you to marry?

PRAYER – Take time and pray for your future spouse.

### **Day 3**

Delight is defined as taking great pleasure. With that in mind, what is something you take delight in? Why?

What are some things that would be wrong to take delight in? Why?

I take delight in chocolate, New York Yankees baseball, a good movie, a walk in nature and of course my wife and children. I get so much pleasure out of each of those things and of course there are many more. The one thing we always have to watch out for is that the things we take great pleasure in do not become idols, objects of worship. All the things I listed could become an idol in my life. I have to make sure they have the proper place and that God is the only object of my worship. Today we continue to read the love letter between Solomon and his wife expressing their delight in each other. Ask for a heart of understanding today.

### **Read Song of Solomon 1:12-15**

How would you summarize the dialogue between Solomon and his wife in these verses?

Look at verses 12 to 14. What words does Solomon's wife use to show she takes much delight in Solomon? Next to each word write how that word or phrase expresses delight.

What is Solomon's response to his wife? What does he say about her?

Based on what you are reading would you say these two are idolizing each other or truly love each other? Explain your answer?

Think about your future spouse, what are ways you hope you will take delight in them and your relationship to them?

**PRAYER** – Ask God to help you not to make relationships an idol.

## Day 4

How can you tell that someone truly loves someone and is not just infatuated with them? What would you see in them and their relationship?

How do you think you will know that you truly love someone?

There were many girls between Kindergarten and into young adulthood that I really liked. For just about all of them, I did not love them but just really liked them. They were relationships of convenience, or just to do, but I did not see them as spouse material or a future with them. It was about me. Love is selfless, not selfish. It is not a feeling but action. Love is special and when realized stands out, and you cannot miss it. We will see that today as we study Song of Solomon. Ask God to help you think about and apply His Word to your life.

### Read Song of Solomon 1:16-2:2

What 3 things does Solomon's wife mention in 1:16 to 2:1?

1.

2.

3.

As she is delighting in her husband (see yesterday) why do you think she makes mention of aspects of their house?

What is the point of Solomon's wife comparison in verse 2:1?

What picture does Solomon use to illustrate his love for his wife in verse 2? Why is that a good illustration especially as he sees all these other women?

How should your love be different than the love you have for other women if you take serious Solomon's picture of a lily among thorns? Explain.

PRAYER – Ask God to grow you in your ability to really love someone.

## Day 5

What is your favorite food? I want you to use good, vivid words to describe that food: the way it looks, tastes, smells, etc.

Are you hungry now? I think I am. I love meat lover's pizza. First, you have the smell of the sausage, bacon and pepperoni baking on the crust. Then you have the look of the pizza. All those meats spread throughout the pizza, forming mini canyons for the cheese to melt into, giving a varied look where no two pizzas are the same. Now I am really hungry. But I love pizza. Today Solomon's wife compares her delight and love for him to food. Ask God to help you understand more about a love a man and woman should have for each other in marriage as you read today.

### **Read Song of Solomon 2:3-7**

What does Solomon's wife compare him to in verse 3? What does she say about him?

Now translate in every day terms. What is she saying about her husband in verse 3?

Look at verses 4 and 5, what do we see about Solomon and his wife's love for each other? What impact does Solomon have on his wife?

What does Solomon do to his wife in verse 6? Why should we not just brush by that verse? Why is it important?

What command and warning does Solomon's wife give to the young, single women of Jerusalem? Why?

What are ways in which men and women awaken love in wrong and sinful ways today? Have you done that? Explain.

PRAYER – Take time to confess sin and ask God to protect you in the spirit of what Solomon's wife is saying in verse 7.

## Day 6

Look up the definition of adore. Write it down.

Thinking about that definition, who is someone or what is something that you adore? Explain why you adore them or that thing?

We sing at Christmas, "O come let us adore him." The him is Jesus. We are called to come and love and respect deeply Jesus Christ. He is God who became flesh and dwelt among us. We show that adoration in prayer, reading the Bible, telling other people about Him, trusting him in all things. He is the most important person we are to adore. In marriage we are to adore our spouse. We are to love and respect them deeply. That is an important piece of marriage after a mutual faith in Jesus Christ. For the next few days we look at how the Bride adored her husband, Solomon. Ask God to even now work in your heart as you read his word, so you can one day adore your spouse in a godly manner.

### **Read Song of Solomon 2:8-9**

If you were to summarize what the Bride was really saying in these two verses, what would you say?

What specific things does the Bride say about her husband?

Why do you think she uses the picture of a gazelle to describe her husband? What is she saying about him?

Would you say that the husband desired his wife from these verses? How do you know?

As men we are to pursue our future wives, but continue to pursue them even after we are married. Why is that pursuit so important when it comes to a healthy relationship physically, emotionally and spiritually?

PRAYER – Pray for your future spouse, that God would be working in their heart and life even today.

## Day 7

What are 3 things you love about spring? Next to each one write why.

1.

2.

3.

Spring is one of the best times of the year. What was seemingly dead and gone all of a sudden begins to spring back to life. Flowers begin to pop up from under the ground. The birds are singing and making their nests to lay their eggs. Summer is on the way. I love spring. Solomon's wife in her words of adoration towards her husband makes comparisons to spring. Ask God to help you read and apply His word to your heart today.

### **Read Song of Solomon 2:10-15**

Of course Solomon's wife is talking about being with her husband after a time away. What pictures does she use to illustrate her point in verses 10 to 14? List them all.

How can you tell Solomon's wife loves and wants to be with him?

What does she want to make sure does not happen in verse 15? Why?

What are some of the things that can spoil a good marriage between husband and wife?

Who are two married couples that you can pray for, that they would adore and love each other? Write one thing next to them that you can pray for.

1.

2.

PRAYER – Pray for those married couples.

## Day 8

What are some things that are just your own, that nobody else has ownership of or rights to? List them.

In what ways is marriage like ownership?

When a husband and wife stand on the altar before their family and friends they make a commitment to love and cherish each other and to be committed to each other until death does them part. They are to be with no other. They belong to each other. The rings they give each other are symbolic of that ownership they have of each other. It is not a slave type ownership but one of commitment to be together, forever. Ask God to give you a heart that understands His word as you read it today.

### **Read Song of Solomon 2:16-17**

What does Solomon's wife mean that her beloved is hers and she is his?

How do we see that she can't wait for him to be with her? What pictures does she use?

What are ways in which we rush love?

Why is it so hard to wait and be patient?

So what is encouraging and comforting in knowing that your spouse is yours and you are theirs?

PRAYER – For patience in waiting for love & pray for your future spouse.

## Day 9

What is something valuable that you have lost in your life? What lengths did you go to find it?

Think of a loved one who has gone out of your life, not by death. What lengths would you go to get them back?

In the movie *Ladyhawke* Navarro and Isabeau have a curse placed on them by a man that wants Isabeau for his wife. She is a hawk during the day and he is a wolf at night. By putting this curse on them it ensures them that they can never be together. In their human forms they try all they can to break the curse so that they can be together. Nothing will stop them, no amount of being animals, or evil sorcerers. They want to be in each other's arms again. Today we look at the lengths Solomon's wife goes to find him when he goes away. Ask God to grow you in your faith as you read His word.

### **Read Song of Solomon 3:1-3**

What seems to have happened to Solomon according to the words of his wife? Why do you think he left from your knowledge of Solomon?

What lengths does she go to find him?

How did she involve others in her search for Solomon?

If you were to define love according to these verses, what would you say that love is?

Now we can only first have a real, loving relationship if we first know Jesus Christ. How do we need to trust the Lord with our future relationships?

PRAYER – Ask God to prepare your heart to love another one day.

## **Day 10**

Who is someone you love who was gone for a long time and then you saw again? Where did they go? What things did you do when you saw them again?

The picture that comes to my mind that you see in the news or on internet videos is the picture of a military mom or dad who goes to the schools of their children to surprise them after being away a long time. You see all kinds of reactions: crying, screaming, jumping around, jumping into the arms of their parent. You see the people watching, moved by the scene that is unfolding before them. Yesterday, we saw Solomon's wife searching for her husband who was gone. Today, we get to see about their reunion. Ask God to teach you from His Word today.

### **Read Song of Solomon 3:4-5**

What things does Solomon's wife do when she finds her husband at long last? Why?

Why is this an appropriate reaction from a wife who loves her husband?

Physical intimacy is important in marriage. God meant it to be that way. Why is it so important?

Then Solomon's wife gives for the second time a warning in verse 5. What is that warning? Why is that warning something that needs to be listened to?

What are the temptations you are facing to sin sexually, either with another person or watching things you should not?

PRAYER – Ask God for strength and confess if you have given in to the temptation.

## Day 11

If you were poetically writing about a groom coming down the aisle for his wedding, how would you describe the scene. Write a couple of sentences to describe.

I have been in a lot of weddings and been to many more. It is great to see the groom come down the aisle with his groomsmen following close behind. You see the excitement and nervousness on his face as he gets ready to see his bride come to the back to make the walk down the aisle with her father to him. Then she appears. You see a variety of expressions from big smiles, laughs and even cries as they realized their beloved is coming to them. What an experience that is, as someone who has been the groom and watched many grooms. Today we get a picture of Solomon's wedding day from his wife's perspective. Ask God to teach you as you read the word today.

### **Read Song of Solomon 3:6-11**

Look at verse 6, how does Solomon's wife describe his approach? How can you tell this is something that she is excited about and has been anticipating?

In verses 7 to 10 how was the litter that Solomon rode on described?

When you think of this description, how do we see that this is an important day for Solomon and his wife?

According to verse 11, how do we see this is a day of excitement for Solomon and for his mother?

A wedding day is special and should reflect our faith in Christ and honor God. What are some details of your wedding day you would want to make sure are in place to honor God and show your faith in Jesus Christ?

PRAYER – Pray for your wedding day, if it is God's will for you to marry, that you would honor him in that day.

## Day 12

Think of someone of the opposite gender, that you think is handsome or beautiful. How would you describe their outer beauty? Be detailed.

If we were to read 20 responses to this question, we would get some very different answers. We would find that some people focus on a certain part of a person physically whether it be eyes, teeth, hair, their legs, etc. We are all attracted to someone and it is important at least for ourselves to see what and why we are attracted to people. Solomon was attracted to his wife and he describes her for us to read about. If you are blessed to be married one day, I pray you will cherish your wife or husband physically like Solomon and his wife cherished each other. Ask God to help you read and apply his word to your heart and life today.

### **Read Song of Solomon 4:1-5**

Pictures can be fun. I want you to channel your inner artist. Take how Solomon describes his wife and draw a picture the best you can in the space below. It will be fun.

Now the picture would look really weird, probably not at all attractive.  
What is Solomon's point?

What does Solomon say about the following body parts? Why is he saying by using that picture?

1. Eyes –
  
2. Hair –
  
3. Teeth –
  
4. Lips –
  
5. Cheeks –
  
6. Neck –
  
7. Breasts –

What does this part of the passage show us about the love we should have for our spouse?

PRAYER – Give thanks to God for how he created us, male and female.

## Day 13

What is something in your life that you have considered perfect? Why did you consider that perfect?

What is something that is perfect? Don Larson of the New York Yankees in game 5 of the world series against the Dodgers in 1956 pitched a “perfect” game. That means he did not allow a hit, walk or run for 9 innings. Okay, you hate baseball. Try this on. When I think of my wedding day and my honeymoon, it was perfect. Does that mean it went off without a hitch? No! My wife’s dad was really nervous as the pastor and dad. I was sick the first 2 days of the honeymoon. There were hitches. But it was perfect in that I was with my wife, starting our marriage together in Bar Harbor, Maine. Today, we read about Solomon as he continues to reflect on his wife. Ask God to teach you as you read today.

### **Read Song of Solomon 4:6-8**

How do we see from these verses that Solomon really wants to be with his wife? What does he want?

What does he say about her in verse 7? Why is that the best thing he could say to her?

Now from our knowledge of the human condition, was his wife perfect? What is he communicating by saying she is perfect?

How do you think these affirming words impacted his wife and how she thought of herself?

Why do many men not talk this way to their wives?

PRAYER – Pray for the husband in a married couple you know, that he would love and cherish his wife like Solomon.

## Day 14

What are some things that love makes people do, good and bad? List as many things as come to your mind?

In the movie *Conspiracy Theory*, Jerry a seemingly mentally unstable cab driver is in love with Alice a government lawyer. He watches her, sends her pizza, flowers and tries to visit her office whenever he can. It turns out he is her protector and while in the hospital he tells her love is like Geronimo, you would leap off a building for it. Love changes you, it impacts your attitudes and your behaviors. Today we read at how love impacted Solomon as he looked at his wife. Ask God for a heart of understanding as you read the Bible today.

### **Read Song of Solomon 4:9-11**

Think about Solomon's words in verse 9, what do you think is behind his words? How does he feel and what does he believe?

How do we see that Solomon is all in according to this verse?

How does Solomon regard his wife's love as valuable in verse 10?

Think about the poetry of verse 11, what else is Solomon saying about his wife in that verse?

Solomon twice calls his wife, his bride and his sister. What do you think Solomon means by calling his wife his sister? What is he communicating? Look it up if you are not sure.

Family is important, whether a sister or a wife, they people who we are close to. How do these verses challenge you as you think of your future spouse?

PRAYER – For your future spouse, that you will love and cherish them.

## Day 15

What are 3 things that first come to your mind when you hear the word “sex”? Next to each one write why you think that comes to mind?

1.

2.

3.

Sex is an uncomfortable subject. Parents do the game rock, paper, scissors to see who is going to talk to their children about sex. Some parents just avoid the conversation all together and assume either school, church or someone else will talk to their children about the subject. That is very dangerous. Some parents have even told their children they cannot read this book of the Bible because they don't need to hear the content of the book. Guess what kids will do when you tell them they cannot do something? They will try to read it. Today we come to a poetic look at Solomon's desire to have sex with his wife, the one he loves and adores. Ask God to help you read and understand this love letter between a husband wife.

### **Read Song of Solomon 4:12-16a**

How do you see that Solomon and his wife did not have sex before marriage according to the poetry of verse 12?

Why is it so important to save sex for marriage? Think beyond just physical things like diseases and having a child out of wed lock.

Look at verses 13 to 16. How do we see that Solomon looks forward to having sex with his wife? What kinds of language does he use?

As you think about his words then, is it okay to want to have sex? How do you know?

What kinds of things will make it hard to remain pure, so that the only person you will have sex is your wife?

PRAYER – Ask for help you resist the temptation to be sexually impure.

## Day 16

What are the ways in which sex is usually talked about in a negative light when you think of inside or outside of the church?

Right from the beginning we see that God created sex as something beautiful between a husband and a wife. It was meant to be an act of worship, an opportunity for unity in the bounds of marriage, meant to be used of God to bring forth life (children). Yet many times inside and outside of the church the conversation about sex has a negative tone. We don't talk about the beauty of sex because we don't want to prematurely plant seeds in the minds of our young people. So they grow up thinking about sex in a negative light. As we see in this book of the Bible, Solomon and his wife talk about sex in a poetic and beautiful way. Ask God to convince you of his truths today.

### **Read Song of Solomon 4:16b-5:1**

Look at verse 4:16b, how is Solomon's wife inviting her husband to come to her physically? What does she say to him?

In 5:1, how does Solomon describe his physical intimacy with his wife?

Why do Solomon and his wife not just come out and say, we want to have sex with each other? Why do they use this poetic imagery? What are they communicating to each other about sex?

How do the people who know them encourage them to be intimate with each other physically?

As a single person, who should not be having sex until marriage, what kinds of things can you learn from these verses for your life?

PRAYER – Give thanks to God for the gift of sex and ask him to help you wait to engage in it until you are married.

## Day 17

What are things that can happen in a married couple's relationship that can have an impact on their physical intimacy (sex)?

All couples struggle at times in their physical intimacy with each other. If you don't spend time together talking, connecting, sharing what is going on in your life and it happening both ways, that can impact your physical intimacy. If you never share encouraging things about each other, build each other up then that can negatively impact your physical intimacy. If your relationship with each other is only about sex and there is no other building of the relationship, then your relationship is in trouble. All couples deal with this trouble at times because we are selfish and sinful people. Solomon and his wife had some struggles as we will see the next couple days of our study. Ask God to teach you truths in his word that you can apply to your life, especially as you look to marriage in the future.

### **Read Song of Solomon 5:2-5**

What was Solomon's wife doing in verse 2?

Solomon wanted to be with his wife physically. How do we see that in verse 2? What is his appeal?

What is her reaction to her husband's request in verse 3? Why did she not want to let her husband in?

Why is this a reasonable reason? Why might this be hard for Solomon?

How did she change her mind in verses 4 and 5? What does she say?

What kinds of reasons do you think husbands and wives might give for not wanting to be physically intimate with each other?

PRAYER – Pray for 2 married couples you know, that they would communicate and love each other in all they do.

## Day 18

What are crazy things people are willing to do for love? List several that you have heard of or have seen.

In the movie *50 First Dates*, Henry falls in love Lucy. There is one problem. Lucy was in a car accident so she has short term memory loss. That means when she wakes up she does not remember the last day of her life. That means she never remembers Henry. Henry loves her so much though and he keeps going out on dates with her, every day a first date. Eventually he marries her. He has a video made so that the first thing every day she watches and see who Henry his, who her children are and what happened to put her in this condition. Henry went to extraordinary lengths because of his love for Lucy. Today we see Solomon's life go to extremes to find her husband whom she loves. Ask God to guide you in the study of his word today.

### **Read Song of Solomon 5:6-9**

Yesterday we saw Solomon's wife did not want to be intimate with him. She had good reasons, but then changed her mind and went to open the door. In verse 6 what happens when she opens the door? What do you think her reaction was?

In verse 7 she goes into the city at night to search for Solomon. How is she treated by the watchmen? Why do you think they treat her harshly?

The only women out at that time of the night, were not good women and so the watchmen assumed she was not a good woman. So being battered and bruised, what appeal does she make to the women in her life according to verse 8? What is the state of her heart?

What statement are the women making according to their questions in verse 9?

What do you learn about the power of love from these verses today?

PRAYER – Ask God to prepare your heart to love another so deeply and intimately.

## Day 19

How would you describe your best friend? Write down 4 things about them. Describe why you wrote what you did next to each item.

1.

2.

3.

4.

Ultimately your spouse should be your best friend. They need to be a person you can trust, confide in, share everything with. This is a wonderful partnership that should never be broken. We need to love and cherish this partner that God has blessed us to be in a relationship with. Solomon's wife has been searching for her husband. Today we see again how much she adores him. Ask God to even now teach you to adore the spouse He is preparing for you, if it be his will, as you read today.

### **Read Song of Solomon 5:10-16**

What does Solomon's wife say about her husband in verse 10?

What is important about her saying he is "distinguished among 10,000?"

How does she describe her husband in verses 11 to 16a? List them all.

What is she saying about her husband when you think about all the poetic imagery she uses to describe him?

Look at verse 16b, what does she say about her husband? Why is this important for any husband or wife to say about each other?

Why do people often not think about their spouse as their friend?

PRAYER – Ask God to grow you in your faith so you can be a good friend to your potential spouse and other people God puts in your life.

## Day 20

If you were to pick a place to meet someone you had not seen in a long time, a loved one, where would you want to meet? Why there?

I remember watching a show once where all the characters, who were friends, made a pact that if in 20 years they were all single, that they would meet at their favorite comic book store for a reunion. They then do a flash forward and one of the characters, graying and single is standing there alone, and he mutters, “figures”. In all of our relationships we have places that are special to us in that relationship. It could be a favorite restaurant, outside spot, movie theater, or a friend’s house. Those places bring about special memories as we think about those friends. Today we see the reunion of Solomon and his wife after some time apart. Ask for the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to God’s truth as you read and study.

### **Read Song of Solomon 6:1-3**

How do the women in Solomon’s wife’s life help her?

Who are 2 people in your life that you believe would be there for you and help you in figuring out relationships? Why them?

1.

2.

Where did Solomon go? Think behind the poetry, where has he gone?

Solomon's wife goes into him and is with him physically at last. What claim does she make on Solomon in verse 3?

Why is it important to see that as spouses we belong to each other?

Now how can a verse like this be used by someone in an abusive way?

How do we make sure we don't use it abusively?

PRAYER – Pray for married people in your life to have healthy marriage. Pray for marital abuse, that God would work in those marriages.

## Day 21

What are 2 of the most beautiful things you have ever seen? Describe their beauty next to them.

1.

2.

I am going to go with things in nature. I remember being in Ochos Rios in Jamaica. It was a touristy place where all these rivers and falls flowed into the ocean. The ocean was bright blue just like the postcards you see on these exotic locations. The sand was white. It was awesome. The other place would be the time I went to Estes Park in Colorado. We drove to the top of the park and hiked a little while along the ridge. The clouds were white and puffy and right there where you felt you could reach out and touch them. It was quiet and to see all the mountains as far as the eye could see. It was majestic. It was awesome. Words are hard to describe it. Solomon has a similar feeling as he is describing his wife. Ask God to give you an appreciation for your word as you read it today.

### **Read Song of Solomon 6:4-7**

What does Solomon say about his wife in verse 4?

Why are those good pictures in expressing his love for his wife?

Look at verse 5a, what is Solomon's reaction to his wife's beauty? Why do you think he feels this way?

How does he describe parts of his wife physically in verses 5 to 7?

1. Hair –

2. Teeth –

3. Cheeks –

What is he saying about his wife, his friend, his love?

What are ways in which we need to ask God to help us feel this way about our spouses?

PRAYER – Pray for your future spouse, if it be God's will for you.

## Day 22

What are some examples where you will have many choices of something and you can only choose one? Next to each one write which you would choose and why?

1.

2.

3.

I can remember going to a buffet. I saw all the desserts on that buffet and my parents said I could only choose one. Ouch! Which one do I take. I want them all. But I had to choose one. Oh the horror. Or later in life when looking at colleges, there were lots of good options, options that would have been a fit for me. But I could only choose one as I can only be one place at once. Cloning has not been perfected yet. It was also this way with my wife. There were a lot of women in the world and yet God brought my wife Sharon into my life. I can only have one. God has said that. Today we see a beautiful way in which Solomon looks at the wife that God gave him. Ask God to impress upon you his truths today.

### Read Song of Solomon 6:8-12

Look at verse 8 and the first half of 9. What women could Solomon had chosen to be his wife?

How do we see that Solomon looks at his wife as the only one for him?

According to verses 9b how do people see Solomon's wife?

What does he say about his wife in verse 10?

This is a special relationship. How do you know?

What does Solomon's wife say about her husband and how their relationship is special in verses 11 and 12?

From your knowledge of Solomon how does he ruin this special relationship later in life? What consequences did he deal with?

PRAYER – Ask for help to want and be faithful to your future spouse. Pray that also for your parents and other couples in your life.

## Day 23

Pick 3 body parts of someone of the opposite gender, how would you describe them in beautiful poetic language or word pictures?

1.

2.

3.

That is one thing about this book of the Bible, Solomon and his wife sure adore each other physically. They have really thought about why they are attracted to each other and are not afraid to tell each other and those of us getting to read their love letter, how much they mean to each other in every way. It is beautiful. My prayer is that if you are blessed to be married one day that you would adore and love your spouse physically, emotionally and most importantly spiritually. And don't be afraid to tell them. Too many people are afraid because they think it would be awkward. Ask God to take his word and help you apply it to your life.

### **Read Song of Solomon 6:13-7:5**

The Shulamite is Solomon. What do the people want to see and what is Solomon's reaction verse 6:13? Why do you think he reacts this way?

What does Solomon describe his wife in verses 1 to 5?

1. Feet –
2. Thighs –
3. Navel –
4. Belly –
5. Breasts –
6. Neck –
7. Eyes –
8. Nose –
9. Head –
10. Hair –

When you think of this description what stands out to you most? Why?

If a husband and wife adored each other this much, in what ways would it grow and strengthen their marriage?

PRAYER – For God to strengthen the marriage of 2 couples in your life.

## Day 24

What are 3 things that your parents told you about sex? If your parents did not talk to you then what are 3 reasons why you think they did not?

1.

2.

3.

I know when I have the talk with my children, at a young age, because I want them to hear from me and not friends, our culture or other sources. I talk to them about the differences between men and women. I share with them that sex is something beautiful that God created to be between a husband and a wife. Thirdly I try to use scripture to illustrate those points with them so that they can see this is not my authority but God's authority. It is so important for parents to have these conversations with their children. Sadly, many in the church do not or they just quickly brush through the talk because they are uncomfortable. Today we look as Solomon describes his physical relationship with his wife in a little more detail. Ask God to encourage you in his word today.

### Read Song of Solomon 7:6-9a

How does Solomon describe his wife in verses 6 and 7?

What is Solomon saying he will do in verse 8? Is this wrong? Explain.

In verses 8 and 9a, how does he show he really enjoys his wife? What are the pictures he uses to show he enjoys his wife physically?

Now if this is in the Bible, what does this say about God and how he views sex between a husband and wife? Is it okay to desire your spouse physically?

What do you wish your parents would have shared with you about sex between a husband and wife?

PRAYER – Ask God to help you stay pure in your thinking and actions with the opposite gender.

## Day 25

Think about children, why do they say yuck when someone says, “you like so and so”?

As we get older, why do so many of us stop saying yuck and switch to wanting to be married and have children with that person?

When I worked at Christian camps we would tell children that on that side are the girls and they have cooties and on this side of the camp are the boys and they have rhino bugs. You don't want to go on the other side. It would be very bad. It is amazing, those children had no desire to cross over. But when you work with the middle and high schoolers that approach did not work, you had to have actual consequences for going to the other side of the camp. When we start to mature, most start to have a desire to be with someone of the opposite sex. We see this desire come to a pinnacle within the bounds of marriage where we can be with someone intimately and it is not a sin. We see that desire Solomon's wife has for Solomon in our study today. Ask God to help you read and understand His word today.

### **Read Song of Solomon 7:9b-13**

What does Solomon's wife say about her husband in verse 10?

What does it mean our desire is for our spouse and that we are theirs?  
Describe what this means.

Solomon's wife wants to be with him physically. How does she describe this desire for him in verses 11 to 13?

Why do you think she describes this desire using those pictures?

How do you see from her words that sex, physical intimacy is not something to be demanded but to be freely given? What does she say here to show that? Why is that important?

PRAYER – For God to help you control your desires physically and to be content now in your singleness.

## Day 26

What are 3 things that you long for in this life? Write down next to each one why you long for that?

1.

2.

3.

I long to be a good father and husband. I want to this because God has commanded me to lead my family well and I want to honor Him. I long for my children to walk with the Lord, not only in my house, and under my supervision, but also when they get out on their own at college or moving away for work or to start their own family. Lastly, I long to lose 15 pounds or so. I want to do this because I want to make sure I am as healthy as I can be to continue in ministry in my church but also within my family. We all have longings. One of the longings that most of us will have is the longing to marry a good Christian man or woman and to live faithfully with them all the rest of our lives. That is a very good thing to desire. Ask God to help you think about this as you read the Bible today.

### Read Song of Solomon 8:1-4

Don't over think this, but what is your immediate thought or reaction to reading verses 1 and 2?

What is she revealing about her longing for her husband in those verses?

How does her husband make her feel secure according to verse 3?

What ways do women want Godly men to make them feel secure?

1. Physically –
  
2. Emotionally –
  
3. Socially –
  
4. Spiritually –

Verse 4 is a command and challenge we have read several times in Song of Solomon. Why do you think they keep repeating this phrase? What does God want you, yes you, to come away from reading this phrase?

**PRAYER** – Ask for strength to remain pure in all areas of your life.



3. Jealousy is fierce as the grave –

4. It is flashes of fire –

5. Love is the very flame of God –

6. Many waters cannot quench love; floods cannot drown it –

7. If a man offered for love all his wealth, he would be utterly despised –

Which one of the quotes above about love hit you the hardest? Why?

How should these verses challenge you in how you think of marriage?

PRAYER – Give thanks for the love God gives spouses for each other.

## Day 28

What are the consequences if we don't keep ourselves pure sexually before marriage? List all that come to mind.

Why is it so hard to do?

I have been alive and in ministry long enough to see the consequences of having sex before marriage. Here are some of the consequences: broken hearts, pregnancy, destroyed relationship, broken trust with parents, future becomes unclear, anxiety and depression, and the list goes on. Yet many ignore the reality of these consequences because we get caught up in the pleasure of the moment. We need to guard our hearts. We need to save ourselves physically for the man nor woman that God has for us to be our spouse. If we don't, well just read above. Ask God to encourage and challenge you in your faith as you read the Bible.

### **Read Song of Solomon 8:8-12**

The "others" ask a question to Solomon's wife in verse 8 and answer it in verse 9. What do they ask and answer?

What are they saying they want to do for their sister? How does this show that they take seriously that she stays pure for her husband?

How does Solomon's wife encourage the "others" in verse 10 to 12?

What word shows that she knew Solomon was the husband for her in verse 10? Why is that an important word?

Honesty time. Have you remained pure for your future husband or wife? Write ways you have not remained pure either with another person or via internet or some other social media. Write them all down.

PRAYER – If you have not done so, confess what you wrote above.

## Day 29

If you could say anything to your future spouse what would it be? Why?

Do you pray for your future spouse? Why or why not?

It is a good thing, even in your youth, to start praying for your future spouse. Pray for them to come to salvation in Jesus Christ if they do not know the Lord. Pray that they would desire to learn and grow in their faith in Jesus Christ. Ask God to prepare their hearts to be your wife or husband and the mother or father of your children. Pray that God would do a work in your heart to love them, care for them and provide for their needs. These are good things to desire and pray for even now as a single student who is not close to marriage. It is never too early to start. Ask God to challenge you in this last study of the Song of Solomon today.

### **Read Song of Solomon 8:13-14**

In verse 13, how is Solomon's seeking his wife described?

What do we see about his desires in that verse?

Then in verse 14, what does Solomon's wife say about her desire for her husband? What does she want?

Should we see this as impatience or anticipation? Explain.

Desire for your spouse, to be with them is healthy, when apart and when together. Why?

What are three ways you can pray for your future spouse today?

1.

2.

3.

PRAYER – Take time and pray for your future spouse as listed above.