Young Love Chapter 1

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Titus Fellowships

- 1. Based on what you learned today, what are the qualities a young woman should look for in a future husband? If you are married, did you think about these things?
- 2. I mentioned Ruth today. Look up and read Ruth 2:1-13. Do you see any similarities between Ruth and the Shulamite? Pay special attention to verses 10 and 13. Explain.
- 3. From these verses, what exactly does Boaz notice about Ruth?
- 4. The Shulamite refers to herself as "swarthy." Do you remember what it means? What about you? What do you call yourself? Do you feel ugly? By whose standards?
- 5. I read Ephesians 5:22-33 today. Look it up and read together. As we move through the Song, we are seeing a real-life love story between Solomon and the Shulamite. Then in Ephesians, God is giving clear instructions to actual husbands and wives. However, earthly marriage is also a broader picture of Christ and the church. Does studying the Song, so far, cause you to think more deeply about the purpose of marriage as outlined in Ephesians? If so, how so?
- 6. I mentioned today how important a man's character is. Read Ruth 3:11.
 What does Boaz say about Ruth? What do all the people of the town say about her? Read Proverbs 31:10 and compare. Then ask yourself: Am I a woman of noble character? What is God showing me in my own life that needs to change?
- 7. Close in short one sentence prayers (either silently or out loud). Pray that each of you will become a woman of noble character. That kind of woman is RARE.