



Part 4 - Commitment
October 30, 2016

ICEBREAKER: If your family of origin was a TV show what would it be and why?
(Family Feud, Divorce Court, Little House on the Prairie, Gilligan's Island, Survivor, Shark Tank, The Andy Griffith Show)

MAIN POINTS:

**Love is a song where you sing
Only what the other wants to hear**

EXPLORATION:

- 1. Read Song of Solomon 8:6-7 and Ephesians 5:21-33. Make as many observations as you can about what these passages say about love and husband/wife roles in marriage?**
- 2. Read Ephesians 5:21-33. What are the specific roles of a husband listed in this passage?**
(Context Clues- Husbands lead their wives, love their wives, cherish their wives, and teach them the Word of God.)

3. Read Ephesians 5:21-33. What are the specific roles of a wife listed in this passage?

(Context Clues- Wives don't resist their husbands. Wives respond to their husbands and respect their husbands.)

4. How are these roles reflected in the relationship of Christ and the church?

5. Read Song of Solomon 8:6-7. What does this passage teach about a love that lasts? What are some of the characteristics of love that are mentioned?

(Context Clues- The Hebrew word for "love" -אַהֲבָה--Ahabah- means love, human love, familial love, romantic love, or sexual desire. Lasting Love is strong, it endures, it is passionate and volatile like fire, it is not easily extinguished, and it can't be bought.)

APPLICATION:

1. How well do the roles reflected in your marriage, your parents marriage, or your dream marriage compare to the ones listed in Ephesians 5:21-33 listed above? How could these roles be carried out better?

2. Read Song of Solomon 8:6-7 again and recall the list of lasting love from above. Is the way that you love others and your spouse comparable to this passage and that list?

3. How does the main point: "Love is a song where you sing only what the other wants to hear" relate to the roles in Ephesians and the characteristics of love in Song of Solomon 8:6-7?

4. Pray for marriages, individuals, and relationships to reflect a love that lasts.