

SONG OF SONGS

a series on:

SEX • ROMANCE • MARRIAGE • LOVE



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How Do I Keep the Fire Going?
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Who doesn't love a good love song? Every generation has a song that defined their dating and romantic life. Chances are every couple has a love song, a song that defined that couple's relationship. Love songs are a beautiful reminder of the power of love. But some love songs can go beyond love to sex. Those kinds of love songs defined generations and couples too! Would you believe me if I told you the Bible has a love song that celebrates sex?! Unlike every other book in the Bible, Song of Songs is a love song that celebrates sex, romance, marriage, and love.

Longing fuels the pursuit of romance that leads to the destination of marriage.

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

Song of Songs 2:8–3:5

8 The voice of my beloved!
Behold, he comes,
leaping over the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

9 My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Behold, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing through the windows,
looking through the lattice.

10 My beloved speaks and says to me:
“Arise, my love, my beautiful one,
and come away,

11 for behold, the winter is past;
the rain is over and gone.

12 The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

13 The fig tree ripens its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my beautiful one,
and come away.

14 O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,
in the crannies of the cliff,
let me see your face,
let me hear your voice,
for your voice is sweet,
and your face is lovely.

15 Catch the foxes for us,
the little foxes
that spoil the vineyards,
for our vineyards are in blossom.”

16 My beloved is mine, and I am his;
he grazes among the lilies.

17 Until the day breathes
and the shadows flee,
turn, my beloved, be like a gazelle
or a young stag on cleft mountains.

1 On my bed by night
I sought him whom my soul loves;
I sought him, but found him not.

2 I will rise now and go about the city,
in the streets and in the squares;
I will seek him whom my soul loves.
I sought him, but found him not.

3 The watchmen found me
as they went about in the city.
“Have you seen him whom my soul loves?”

4 Scarcely had I passed them
when I found him whom my soul loves.
I held him, and would not let him go
until I had brought him into my mother's house,
and into the chamber of her who conceived me.

5 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the does of the field,
that you not stir up or awaken love
until it pleases.

- If you're currently dating someone or you are married, how did you pursue your significant other while dating? To what lengths did you go to woo them?
- Why is longing necessary for any romance?
- How does the Lord model longing for us? Consider Jeremiah 1:1–2 but note other examples as well.
- Why do you think people cheat? Why can't they keep their focus and longing on their spouse?
- What are ways we see the man and woman in this passage pursuing one another?
- Again, how does the Lord model pursuit for us? Consider Hosea 2:14–15 but note other examples as well.

- One practical way to pursue anyone is to utilize their love language. What is the way you prefer to give love? What is the way you prefer to receive love? (See the sermon notes for the five love languages).
- What can happen when the way you give love is not the way your loved one prefers to receive love? How can you adjust to begin to love your significant other the way they want to receive love.
- Why is marriage romance's destination? What does Song of Songs say about this? What does the rest of Scripture say about this?
- Most importantly, the Lord is committed to us. Consider Ephesians 5:25–27. How does Paul say the Lord is committed to us. Why is this example essential for marriage?
- So far, what is your biggest takeaway from Song of Songs?