

SONG OF SONGS

a series on:

SEX • ROMANCE • MARRIAGE • LOVE



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Why does the Bible include a sexually erotic song?

Song of Songs 1:1

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.

Sex is a gift; romance takes work; marriage is commitment; love is a reflection.

- 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?

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The Song of Songs, which is Solomon's.

- What has been your experience with Song of Songs? How familiar are you with the book?
- One of the elements celebrated in Song of Songs is sex. Why has the church often seen sex as not something good but rather something bad?
- Read Genesis 1:27–31. How does Genesis 1 say sex is God's gift to enjoy?
- Read Song of Songs 4:1–9. How do these verses speak to desire and romance? If you had to paraphrase these verses for today, how might they sound?
- What makes desire good? What can make desire sinful?
- How do you think our culture feels about marriage? How does that compare to the way Scripture describes marriage? Look at Song of Songs 8:6–7 for support.
- Why does true intimacy need commitment?
- Read Ephesians 5:22–32. How does what Paul say about marriage and love correspond with what Song of Songs says about marriage and love?
- If the gospel is the paradigm for marriage and love, how then should our marriages and love look like?
- In a discussion like this it's easy to overlook singles. How might Song of Songs be important for singles? How can married couples encourage singles through this journey in Song of Songs?
- As we begin this journey through Song of Songs, what is a personal hope and/or question you have for this series?