

SONG OF SONGS

a series on:

SEX • ROMANCE • MARRIAGE • LOVE



Parental Advisory Explicit Scriptures
Why Does Marriage Matter?
Song of Songs 5:2–6:3

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.

Relationship disconnections should draw us closer together not farther apart.

- 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 5:2–6:3

She

2 I slept, but my heart was awake.
A sound! My beloved is knocking.
“Open to me, my sister, my love,
my dove, my perfect one,
for my head is wet with dew,
my locks with the drops of the night.”

3 I had put off my garment;
how could I put it on?
I had bathed my feet;
how could I soil them?

4 My beloved put his hand to the latch,
and my heart was thrilled within me.

5 I arose to open to my beloved,
and my hands dripped with myrrh,
my fingers with liquid myrrh,
on the handles of the bolt.

6 I opened to my beloved,
but my beloved had turned and gone.
My soul failed me when he spoke.
I sought him, but found him not;
I called him, but he gave no answer.

7 The watchmen found me
as they went about in the city;
they beat me, they bruised me,
they took away my veil,
those watchmen of the walls.

8 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
if you find my beloved,
that you tell him
I am sick with love.

Others

9 What is your beloved more than another beloved,
O most beautiful among women?

What is your beloved more than another beloved,
that you thus adjure us?

She

10 My beloved is radiant and ruddy,
distinguished among ten thousand.

11 His head is the finest gold;
his locks are wavy,
black as a raven.

12 His eyes are like doves
beside streams of water,
bathed in milk,
sitting beside a full pool.

13 His cheeks are like beds of spices,
mounds of sweet-smelling herbs.
His lips are lilies,
dripping liquid myrrh.

14 His arms are rods of gold,
set with jewels.
His body is polished ivory,
bedecked with sapphires.

15 His legs are alabaster columns,
set on bases of gold.
His appearance is like Lebanon,
choice as the cedars.

16 His mouth is most sweet,
and he is altogether desirable.
This is my beloved and this is my friend,
O daughters of Jerusalem.

Others

6:1 Where has your beloved gone,
O most beautiful among women?
Where has your beloved turned,
that we may seek him with you?

She

2 My beloved has gone down to his garden
to the beds of spices,
to graze in the gardens
and to gather lilies.

3 I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine;
he grazes among the lilies.

- Disconnection is possible in any relationship, especially marriage. What are some reasons people can feel disconnected in marriage?
- Why is it important to acknowledge that disconnection can and often does happen to every couple?
- In Song of Songs 5:6 what does the wife do when she realizes she and her husband are disconnected? What is the application for us?
- In Song of Songs 6:9 the daughters of Jerusalem make the wife question the goodness and worth of her husband. Who are wrong voices that we can let into our relationships, and who are right voices that we should let into our relationships?
- How do we filter out the wrong voices and amplify the right voices in our marriages and relationships?
- In the middle of this episode of disconnection, the wife praises her husband! Read Song of Songs 5:10–16. How does the woman describe her husband and what does this say about how she thinks of him?
- How can negative thoughts about our spouse affect our marriage?
- Look at Galatians 5:19–23. How does Paul compare the works of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit, and how does this relate to how we think about our spouse?
- When disconnection occurs, our natural instinct can be to disconnect further. How do we fight that and instead draw closer to one another? What are some practical steps we can take to draw closer to one another?
- Read Romans 5:8. How does it make you feel to know that the Lord drew close to us despite us disconnecting from him? How can the gospel inspire our marriages?