

Song of Songs

A Return to the Garden

(Introduction)

Interpreting the Song

- What is the Song about?

A dramatic poem about human love written by God to give us wisdom.

- For whom is it written? - Single Women and Married Couples
 - Proverbs is written to young boys telling them to wait for intimacy within marriage. It is worth it!
 - Song of Songs is written to young girls telling them to wait for intimacy within marriage. It is worth it!
 - Song of Songs is written for couples telling them to keep the passion alive in their marriage. It is worth it!
- What does it mean?
 - Passion is not perverse. Do not avoid it.
 - Passion is powerful. Do not ignore it.
 - Passion is pivotal. Do not neglect it.

Living the Song

- Singleness - "Do not awaken love before it is time."
- Marriage - "I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine."
- Worship - "Intimacy in the context of covenant."

Applying the Song

- Talk about this with your children.
- Talk about this with your spouse.
- Secure your covenant with your spouse.
- Deepen your commitment to grow in physical intimacy.
- Learn how to worship by giving yourself to another in the context of covenant faithfulness.

True love is worth the wait and a fire that should not fizzle.

GROWTH GUIDE

Monday: Genesis 1:26-27

Tuesday: Genesis 3:1-7

Wednesday: Genesis 3:8-24

Thursday: Psalm 45

Friday: Song of Solomon 1:1-2:7

NEXT STEPS FROM TODAY'S MESSAGE

I will reaffirm my covenant promise to be faithful to my spouse.

I will pray that God will help me listen to my spouse about our relationship.

I will talk to my children about the importance of intimacy within marriage.

I will meditate on the relationship between worship and intimacy.

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

Seriously consider if you need to discuss issues raised in the message with your spouse before attending Home Church.

Read Song of Solomon 1:1-4.

Discuss the message. Is there anything that stood out as important, new, challenging, or helpful?

How have we allowed the world to have the first and last word about sex?

What is the message of the world about sex?

What is the message communicated when we do not talk about marital intimacy?

What message do we want to communicate to our children about marital intimacy?

Why is covenant faithfulness essential to complete intimacy?

Does marital intimacy really parallel intimate worship?