



Week 7 | Song of Songs | November 13

Key Focus: “Marital love should be adventurous and affirming.”

Opening Up:

- Are you an adventurous person?
- What about going on adventures excites or interest you?
- If you could go on an adventure right now, what would you do?
- What’s one adventurous thing that you are afraid of, but you kind of want to do it?
- If fear and failure did not exist, what would your next adventure in life be?

Reference: Song of Solomon 6:11 - 8:4

Discuss:

1. Before the adventures of chapter 7 could be engaged in, this couple had to be assured of their trust. Shulammite tests the waters in their relationship in 6:11. Even though restoration had happened that doesn’t mean trust had been completely restored. What is the process for regaining trust in a relationship? Have you ever had trust violated with someone and then had that trust restored, explain?
2. Think about this: “If Jesus raised from the dead, he can raise your broken love story.” How would believing this affect your life? Why is this hard to believe?
3. In 6:13 Shulammite dances at Mahanaim. This is the place where God power meets man’s power in Genesis 32:1-2. How does God empower peace making? How is peace making different with the power of God than without the power of God?
4. In 8:2 the woman tells her husband that she learned about marital love from her mom. The celebration of their marriage bed was shared in community as a beautiful thing. How is our society doing it wrong as it pertains to marriage and marital love? What should society look like if were better informed by the gospel and the Song of Solomon?
5. In Titus 2:2-4 older men and older women are told to teach their younger counterparts how to live life, including how to love a spouse. How would life be different if this were happening in our society?
6. In 7:1-3 she dances for her husband wearing only shoes. In 7:4-6 he talks about her nobility and honorability. How is sexuality in our culture demeaning to woman? What can men do in society to better honor women?
7. In this poem she affirms him visually and he affirms her verbally. How important are affirming words to a relationship? Why do you think there is a direct connection being drawn from the verbal affirmation to the sexually affirmation in this text?
8. If you were giving advice to someone looking for a relationship, what qualities would you tell them to look for in a mate?
9. What does the passion in marriage teach us about the passion of our true and better groom Jesus?
10. Pray.