How to fall & stay in Love with Jesus
A Study of the Song of Songs
Making it Personal
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Get the Big Picture

To get the most out of this verse-by-verse study of the Song of Songs, try to read through the entire book several times during the course of this series. You should be able to read this short book in approximately 15–20 minutes. This will give you a birds-eye view of the whole story. (This study is based on the New King James Version. You may want to print out the text at www.BibleGateway.com, so you can follow along.)

As you read, make a note of any observations or questions that come to mind. Also, record your thoughts in relation to these two questions:

- What insights does this book give you in relation to human love and marriage?

- What insights does this book give you regarding God’s love for His people and the relationship between Christ and His Church?
**Day 1 – Introduction 1:**

*Song of Songs* (Song of Songs 1:1)

Listen: CD 1, Track 1

1. The Song of Songs is an amazing love story. The relationship between this husband and wife points to an even more spectacular story. What is the bigger picture in this story? Does this perspective alter your view of the Song of Songs? How so?

2. How does the world’s view of sexual intimacy differ from God’s perspective? Why do you think so many women struggle with physical intimacy in marriage? If you are married, what are some hindrances to intimacy in your relationship with your mate?

3. Though His name is not mentioned in the book, how does God reveal His heart in the Song of Songs? How is the love of Christ revealed in this great love story?

4. What are some ways Christ is pictured in this book that are particularly meaningful to you? Which ones would you like to experience in a greater way as we continue in this series? (Lover, King, Shepherd, Brother, Friend, Provider, Protector?)
Day 2 – Introduction 2:

The Song that is Solomon's

(Song of Songs 1:1)

Listen: CD 1, Track 2

1. The song of songs, which is Solomon's (1:1). How does knowing that God chose Solomon to write this book encourage you or give you hope?

2. Nancy describes the Song of Songs as a picture of the pilgrimage of a believer who longs for greater intimacy with Christ. Is that true of your life? How can you experience and nurture a closer relationship with your Savior?

3. “My love is frost and cold, ice and snow; let His love warm me” (The Valley of Vision). Can you think of a time when your love for the Lord was “frost and cold”? How can contemplating His love for us warm our hearts?
4. One of the themes of the Song of Songs is fruitfulness. What are some evidences of spiritual fruitfulness in your life? Are you aware of any hindrances to fruitfulness?

5. Take some time to pray the prayer Nancy suggested at the end of today’s program:
   - “Lord, show me Your love . . . help me to experience and receive it in a greater way.”
   - “Deepen my love for You.”
   - (If you are married, or hope to be some day) “May Your love be seen in and through my relationship with my mate.”

Day 3 – Initial Love 1:

**Let Him Kiss Me**

*(Song of Songs 1:2–3)*

Listen: CD 1, Track 3

1. Are you dissatisfied with a common, casual relationship with Christ? How can you develop a greater longing for intimacy with Him?
2. *Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth* (1:2). Is there anything in your life that has made you afraid to let God love you? How can you let go of that and freely receive the love He is offering?

3. *For your love is better than wine* (1:2). Can you honestly say that God’s love is better than anything else your heart desires? Pray that through this series, God will take you to greater depths of grasping and embracing His love.

4. *Your name is ointment poured forth* (1:3). How has the Lord Jesus been “ointment” to your soul? Tell Him and thank Him!
Day 4 – Initial Love 2:

Draw Me Closer  (Song of Songs 1:4)

Listen: CD 2, Track 1

1. Draw me away. . . . The king has brought me into his chambers (1:4). How does it make you feel to know that we have a Savior who loves us, desires a relationship with us, and takes the initiative to draw us to Himself?

2. Draw me . . . We will run after you (1:4). How do you respond when the Lord draws your heart to Himself? Do you run after Him, or do you delay, ignore Him, or run to other, lesser things?

3. Are you running after Christ—engaging in vigorous, purposeful activity? If not, what’s drawing you away from Him?
4. As others see your life and priorities—what you love, what brings you delight, what you pursue—what are they being inspired to run after?

5. We will remember your love more than wine (1:4). How can you “remember” and savor Christ’s love for you today?

Day 5 – Initial Love 3: 

How Could He Love Me? 

(Song of Songs 1:5–8)

Listen: CD 2, Track 2

1. Do not look upon me, because I am dark (1:6). What are some of the failures or areas in your life that make you feel unlovely and unlovable to Christ, unworthy of His love?
2. *I am dark, but lovely* (1:5). Solomon’s bride felt unattractive in his presence, but his love made her beautiful. Though you are conscious of your sins and inadequacies, in Christ you have no “spot” to mar your loveliness (see 4:7). How should Christ’s love for you and the way He sees you affect the way you see yourself?

3. *My mother’s sons were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards* (1:6). Are you laboring in the vineyard of law’s demand or love’s delight? What are the evidences? What difference does it make for our service to be motivated by “love’s delight”?

4. *Tell me . . . where you feed your flock* (1:7). Who are the “sheep” that the Lord has entrusted to your care? How can you serve them today?
5. My own vineyard I have not kept (1:6). Can you relate to what the bride says about tending others’ vineyards while neglecting her own? What is the condition of your vineyard? What practical steps could you take to nurture your personal fellowship with Christ?

Day 6 – Initial Love 4:

*Perfume Cannot Be Hidden*

*(Song of Songs 1:9–17)*

Listen: CD 2, Track 3

7. Notice how the bride and her groom express their delight in each other in this passage and throughout the Song of Songs. How much of that kind of communication takes place in your relationship with Christ? If you are married, how much of this kind of loving communication do you have with your mate?
2. While the king is at his table, my spikenard sends forth its fragrance (1:12). What might it look like for you to sit with the Lord Jesus and engage in personal, loving conversation? How does He express His love for you? How can you express your love for Him?

3. How would you answer the question Joseph Jenkins asked his youth group in 1904: “What is Jesus to you?”

4. Behold, you are fair, my love! (1:15). What does it mean to you that Jesus sees you through eyes of love and that you are “fair” (beautiful) to Him?
Day 7 – Initial Love 5:

**Sit Down in His Shade**

*(Song of Songs 2:1–7)*

Listen: CD 3, Track 1

1. What phrases in this passage describe how the bride enjoys just being with her bridegroom? Have you been rushing around rather than taking time to sit down and linger in Jesus’ presence?

2. *His fruit was sweet to my taste* (2:3). Where do you tend to go to try to satisfy your heart’s hunger and thirst? What are some of the “sweet fruits” that are available to us in Christ?

3. In this session, Nancy shared a list of scriptural affirmations of God’s love for us and how He sees those who are in Christ. What are some of those expressions that mean the most to you (e.g., beloved of God, His treasured possession)?
4. The beloved says his bride is “like a lily among thorns” (2:2). How can your life make a difference and reflect Christ’s beauty to the “thorns” that surround you?

5. What do you see in this passage that makes you long for heaven?

6. Take time to express your admiration for Christ. What do you love and appreciate about Him? Tell Him!
Day 8 – Unheeded Love 1:

Loving in the Laboratory of Life

(Song of Songs 2:8–13)

Listen: CD 3, Track 2

1. The voice of my beloved! (2:8). I will hear what God the LORD will speak (Ps. 85:8 NKJV). This is My beloved Son . . . . Hear Him” (Matt. 17:5). Are you regularly taking time to listen to Christ’s voice? When was the last time you were conscious that He was speaking to you through His Word, and what did He say?

2. Do you find it difficult to get a quiet heart so you can listen to the Lord? What other “voices” and noises keep you from hearing His voice? How can you turn them off—either figuratively or literally?

3. Behold, he comes leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills (2:8). What are some “mountains and hills” in your life that are difficult or impossible for you to scale, but that Christ is easily able to overcome?
4. My beloved spoke, and said to me: “Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past” (2:10–11). Is the Bridegroom calling you to “rise up and come away” from some “winter” in your life? How might you experience His supernatural power in a whole new way if you were to respond to His call?

Day 9 – Unheeded Love 2:

**Your Heavenly Bridegroom is at Work**

*(Song of Songs 2:13–17)*

Listen: CD 3, Track 3

1. “Let me see your face, let me hear your voice” (2:14). Does your schedule keep you from spending quality time with Jesus? What can you rearrange or eliminate?

2. Does your relationship with the Lord include two-way communication?

*The voice of my beloved* (v. 8)—Are you taking time to listen to Him speak through His Word? When you hear, how do you respond?
“Let me hear your voice” (v. 14)—Do you often speak to the Lord in prayer?

If you are married, are you listening and speaking to your mate?

3. My beloved spoke, and said to me: “Rise up, my love . . . and come away” (2:10). Is there an area where you are hesitant or reluctant to respond to Christ’s call in your life? Something He is asking you to do that feels too difficult or risky? An area of the unknown where He wants you to step out and trust Him to enable you?

How are you responding to His call? Are you willing to step out of your comfort zone and follow Him?

4. Catch us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines (2:15). What are some of the “little foxes” that threaten your relationship with the Lord? How can you deal with them?
Day 10 – Unheeded Love 3:
**Missing, Seeking, Finding**
*(Song of Songs 3:1–5)*

Listen: CD 4, Track 1

1. *I sought the one I love; I sought him, but I did not find him* (3:1). Is there a breech or a barrier in your intimacy with Christ?

Have you lost the sense of His presence you once had in your life?

What steps have you taken to seek Him?

Do you ever feel that you are seeking Christ, but you can’t find Him? What do you think keeps you from finding Him?
2. When was the last time you were desperate for Christ? Do you have a seeking heart, or are you content with where you are with Jesus? How badly do you want Him?

How could you cultivate a greater longing for intimacy with Him?

3. I will rise now. . . I will seek the one I love (3:2). What are some steps you could take to experience restored fellowship with Jesus?

4. I said, “Have you seen the one I love?” (3:3). What is the difference between asking others to help you get closer to Christ and looking to them to restore your relationship with Him? How can you get past them and get to your Beloved?

5. I found the one I love. I held him and would not let him go (3:4). Have you found Him? If not, keep on seeking! Don’t be content until you can say, “I have found the one I love.” When you have found Him, purpose to hold Him close and not let Him go!
1. Hudson Taylor said, “True love cannot be stationary: it must either decline or grow.” Is your love relationship with Jesus growing or declining?

2. See King Solomon with the crown . . . on the day of his wedding, the day of the gladness of his heart (3:11).

The groom is the center of attention in this wedding—everything revolves around him. How does your life point people to King Jesus, your heavenly Bridegroom? How can you get the focus off of yourself and more on Him?

Meditate on the fact that your Bridegroom finds great joy and delight in you, and that His relationship with you brings gladness to His heart.
3. How does knowing that the Bridegroom is safely leading you to His palace change your perspective on life?

4. Do you feel safe and secure in the love of Christ? How can you remind yourself of His protection of you?

5. Read Revelation 19:7. What are you anticipating about that day when we see Jesus and our marriage to Him is finally and fully consummated?
Day 12 – Growing Love 2:  
*The Beauty of the Bride*  
*(Song of Songs 4:1–7)*

Listen: CD 4, Track 3

1. How does the bride see herself differently than her beloved sees her?

2. You are all fair, my love, and there is no spot in you (4:7). How is it possible for the Lord Jesus to see His Bride in this way? What is the source of any beauty or good that He sees in us? How does this passage speak to women who feel unlovely and/or unloved?

3. What effect would it have on us if we really believed that He loves us and that we are precious, pure, and beautiful to Him, even though we are totally undeserving and unworthy of His love?
4. What are some aspects of the graces and beauty of Christ that you want your life to reflect?

5. You have dove’s eyes (4:1). What could dove’s eyes symbolize? Do you have “dove’s eyes” for Jesus? How can you cultivate greater undistracted devotion for Him?

6. If you are married, what would it mean to have “dove’s eyes” for your husband?
Day 13 – Growing Love 3:

You Are Fair My Love

(Song of Songs 4:7–11)

Listen: CD 5, Track 1

1. *Come with me [to the mountaintops]* (4:8). This is the beloved’s invitation to his bride. What is Christ’s call to His Bride? (See Colossians 3:1–3.) Have you taken your place in the heavenlies or are you groveling down here on the earth? Meditate on what it means to be risen with Christ, ascended with Christ, and reigning with Christ and what difference that should make in your life here and now on this earth.

2. The “mountains” are not free from danger and difficulties (not yet, anyway!). There is a battle going on in the heavenly realm, and we are engaged in that struggle. What can give us courage to join Him in those difficult places and in the battle? How can we be assured of victory and protection? Consider Ephesians 6:10–18.

3. *You have ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse . . . . How fair is your love* (4:9–10). What glimpse does this give us into how Christ views His Bride? Why is it such a wonder that our love for Him should bring delight to Him?
4. The bride responds to her beloved: How much better than wine is your love, and the scent of your perfumes than all spices (4:10). Do you find His love deeply satisfying? Is there anything that is more precious to you or anyone whose love you desire more than the love of Christ?

5. What is your purpose in life—the reason God created you—and how should that affect the way you view the circumstances of life?

6. Your lips . . . drip as the honeycomb; honey and milk are under your tongue (4:11). Are your words more like the slow drip of honey or a babbling brook? Do they strengthen and build others up or weaken and tear them down? Ask God to make you more sensitive to the power of your words.
Day 14 – Growing Love 4:

He Wants His Bride to Blossom

(Song of Songs 4:12–5:1)

Listen: CD 5, Track 2

1. A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse (4:12). What is the condition of the “garden” of your heart and life? Is it well-tended? Overgrown with weeds? Is it bearing rich, abundant fruit for your Beloved to enjoy? What kind of fruit are you producing? (If you’re not sure, you may want to ask someone close to you.)

2. Do you find yourself straining to bear spiritual fruit? What difference does it make to stay connected to the Source?

3. Awake, O north wind, and come, O south! Blow upon my garden (4:16). Do you trust the Lord Jesus enough to invite Him to send into your life not only the warm, refreshing southern winds but also, when He knows it’s necessary, those biting, cold, wintry north winds?
4. *Blow upon my garden, that its spices may flow out* (4:16). Are you living a reclusive life, or are you living in such a way that the life of Christ in you can flow out to others?

5. *Let my beloved come to his garden and eat its pleasant fruits* (4:16). Is your primary purpose in life to bring glory and pleasure to Jesus? Do you live for His pleasure, or for your own? Do you live to satisfy Him, or to satisfy yourself?

**Day 15 – Faltering Love 1: The Danger of Delay**

*(Song of Songs 5:2–8)*

Listen: CD 5, Track 3

1. *I sleep* (5:2). Have you grown spiritually sleepy or complacent? If so, what kinds of things have “lulled you to sleep” and dulled your responsiveness to Jesus?
2. *My heart yearned for him* (5:4). Is there a longing in your heart to experience deeper communion with the Lord? If you’ve lost the intimacy you once enjoyed with Him, what steps can you take to begin to restore it?

If you are married, are there any steps you need to take to seek restoration of intimacy with your mate?

3. How can you remain spiritually awake and alert and avoid falling into complacency in your relationship with Christ?

4. *It is the voice of my beloved! He knocks, saying, “Open for me, my sister, my love”* (5:2). Is the Lord trying to draw you to Himself? Are you hesitating, or will you respond immediately?
Day 16 – Faltering Love 2:  
Fed by the Beauty of Christ  
(Song of Songs 5:9–6:3)  

Listen: CD 6, Track 1

1. **What is your beloved more than another beloved?** (5:9). How would you respond if someone were to ask, “What’s so special about Jesus to you?” Make a list of some of the things you most love and admire about Him.

2. How has talking about Jesus with other believers strengthened your faith?

3. **Where has your beloved gone . . . that we may seek him with you?** (6:1). When was the last time you talked about your Beloved (the Lord) with an unbeliever? How did you describe Him? How might desire be wakened in unbelievers’ hearts to know Jesus if we were to speak of Him more freely and faithfully?
4. What are some possible benefits from “dry” seasons in your walk with Christ? How can you walk by faith even when you don’t strongly sense His presence?

5. What difference does it make when we choose to fix our focus on Christ rather than on ourselves?

Day 17 – Mature Love 1:

Reflecting His Beauty

(Song of Songs 6:4–10)

Listen: CD 6, Track 2

1. Are you spiritually alert and ready, waiting for Christ’s return? Or are you distracted and preoccupied with other concerns?
2. Is there anything you value more than the company of Jesus, your Beloved? Are there any priorities in your life that need to be adjusted so you can experience restored fellowship with Him?

3. Every Christian has moments of backsliding, but the evidence we belong to Him is when we are willing to change our priorities (repent), get up, and seek the Lord. When was the last time you repented? Do you need to repent now?

4. Do you ever struggle with feeling that you can’t be close to Jesus after you have blown it? How does the beloved’s response to his bride after her failure reveal the amazing grace of Christ?

5. Do the powers of darkness think they can leave you alone because you’re no threat? Or do they tremble because of the power of Christ being displayed through your life?
6. O my love, you are as beautiful... My dove, my perfect one, is the only one (6:4, 9). How does the value Christ places on us and the beauty He sees in us differ from the world’s attempts to boost our self-esteem?

7. How does Jesus feel about His Bride? How does that make you feel?

Day 18 – Mature Love 2: Lovely Inside and Out
(Song of Songs 6:11–7:9)

Listen: CD 6, Track 3

1. How has your life changed as a result of knowing Jesus and being the object of His love?
2. What are some characteristics of spiritual maturity in our relationship with Christ? Which of these characteristics are increasingly evident in your life? Which need to be more evident?

3. I went down . . . to see whether the vine had budded and the pomegranates had bloomed (6:11). One evidence of mature love for Christ is that we are not content to just focus on our own relationship with Him, but we have a desire to see others become fruitful followers and lovers of Jesus. Are you more of a taker or a giver spiritually? How are you engaged with Jesus in what He is doing in others’ lives? Are you showing an interest in His interests and concerns in the Church and the world?

4. This stature of yours is like a palm tree (7:7). What are some characteristics of palm trees that ought to be true in our lives as believers? In the middle of life’s storms, how can you bend like a palm tree and grow stronger, rather than breaking?

5. Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. What are you “beholding,” taking in to your mind and heart, on a consistent basis? How are those influences affecting the kind of person you are becoming?
Day 19 – Mature Love 3: 

Let Us Go Together 

(Song of Songs 7:9–13)

Listen: CD 7, Track 1

1. What is the bride expressing when she says, “I am my beloved’s, and his desire is toward me” (7:10)? What would it mean to have that same heart toward the Lord Jesus? Toward your mate?

2. Come, my beloved, let us go forth to the field; let us lodge in the villages (7:11). Do you have a “pilgrim heart”? How might you need to relinquish human comfort and security in order to serve with Jesus and pursue His kingdom interests?

3. How might your life circumstances and God’s call in your life be helping you become more detached from this world and more attached to heaven?
4. Let us see if the vine haw budded, whether the grape blossoms are opened (7:12). How can you be more attentive to the needs of others around you (e.g., your mate, children, neighbors, co-workers, pastor)?

5. Let us go out early to the vineyards . . . . There I will give you my love (7:12). What insights does the story of this bride give us about how to keep from becoming burnt out in serving the Lord and others? Have you experienced refreshment in the midst of service? How so?

6. Do you naturally tend to be more of a Mary (contemplative) or a Martha (activist)? How does this love story illustrate the balance between the two? Is your life characterized by both devotion to the Lord and effective service? How can you maintain an intimate love relationship with Jesus and serve Him and others without sacrificing that intimacy?

7. At our gates are pleasant fruits . . . which I have laid up for you, my beloved (7:13). What fruits do you have to offer Jesus, as a result of His grace in your life? Have you settled the issue that your life is not for yourself, but for your Beloved?
Day 20 – Cultivating Intimacy in Marriage 1: 
It’s Not About Me

Listen: CD 7, Track 2

1. Whether you’re married or single, how can you encourage, strengthen, and protect the marriages of those around you as part of the Body of Christ?

2. Can you think of a marriage that beautifully reflects the divine pattern for a husband/wife relationship? What was it about that couple that made you think of them?

3. In the Songs of Songs, we see at least three different motivations for love: duty (it’s the right thing to do), delight (I get blessed), and devotion (I desire to bring pleasure to the one I love). Which of these motivations is reflected in your love for Christ (and your mate, if applicable)? How so?
4. In this session, Nancy identified seven ingredients that contribute to greater intimacy in marriage. Which one(s) particularly spoke to you as you think about your marriage? Is there one that you find especially difficult to embrace?

Whether you are married or single, can you identify one or more ingredients that would help cultivate greater intimacy in your relationship with Jesus?

5. Do you struggle with expectations in your marriage (or other relationships)—i.e., “What am I getting out of this?” How does humility set us free from setting ourselves up for hurt, disappointment, and disillusionment in relationships?

6. Do you have a strong desire in your relationship with Jesus to give Him pleasure. If you're married, do you have a strong desire to please your mate? How can you become more tuned in to what delights your Beloved? Your mate?
In this session, Nancy highlighted the importance of communication in marriage; she showed how the Song of Songs illustrates the kind of communication that promotes intimacy. Do you listen attentively when your mate—or others—speak? How can you draw out the deepest thoughts of your mate’s heart?

Does your communication to and about your mate building up or tearing down your relationship? What changes in your communication would cultivate greater intimacy in your marriage?

How could these same communication principles help cultivate greater intimacy in your relationship with the Lord?
4. Do you and your mate have a mission statement for your marriage? How could the two of you serve the Lord together in this season? (Those who are single can have a mission statement too! Ask God how He wants to use your life to serve Him and others in this season.)

5. If you are married, what kind of picture of God do you think your marriage is giving the world? How could your marriage better reflect the grace and covenant-keeping love of God, regardless of the spiritual condition of your mate?

If you are unmarried, how can your life put Christ and the gospel on display?
Day 22 – Cultivating Intimacy in Marriage 3:  
**A Strategy for Victory**

Listen: CD 8, Track 1

1. In this session, Nancy emphasized the importance of purity in marriage and shared a strategy for victory in this area. Is the Lord speaking to you about any area(s) of moral impurity (whether you are married or single)?

2. Is there anything in your life that needs to be eliminated in order to have an “exclusive” relationship with your mate? With the Lord?

3. If you are married, what are some fresh ways you could express your affection for your mate?

Whether married or single, what are some fresh ways you could express your affection for your heavenly Bridegroom?
4. Do you see physical intimacy as good, beautiful, and holy in the context of a covenantal marriage relationship? If not, what has contributed to your view?

5. How should the truth that physical intimacy is a gift from God to be enjoyed in marriage shape your perspective on sex?

6. Whether you are married or single, what are some implications of the concept that marriage is a temporary gift (for this life only)?

Day 23 – Mature Love 4:

Leaning on Your Beloved

*(Song of Songs 8:1–6a)*

Listen: CD 8, Track 2

7. Are you pressing for higher ground in your relationship with the Lord, or are you satisfied with a static relationship?
2. Mature believers desire to grow in their love for and worship of the Lord Jesus. How might you be able to express your affection for Him with greater freedom? In song? In a love note? In praising Him before others? In obedience or sacrifice? Through showing love to others? Praise Him that one day you will be able to love Him without restraint and with greater freedom and capacity than you have to love Him now.

3. *Who is this coming up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved?* (8:5). As the bride experienced the faithfulness and support of her bridegroom in the wilderness, so we experience the faithfulness of Christ in the wilderness of this world, as we are en route to heaven. How has God shown Himself faithful to you in the past when you were walking through a difficult season?

4. Are you currently experiencing a “wilderness” in your life? If so, who or what are you leaning on to get you through it? What does it mean to “lean” on Christ?

5. What difference could it make in your everyday life and perspective to know that you are engraved on Christ’s heart?
Day 24 – Mature Love 5:

**A Wall and a Door**

*(Song of Songs 8:6–10)*

Listen: CD 8, Track 3

1. What characteristics of God’s love can be seen in this passage?

2. *Many waters cannot quench love, nor can the floods drown it* (8:7). (See also Rom. 8:35–39.) Do you believe that there really is nothing that can separate you from the love of God? Is anything holding you back from receiving His love that is as strong as death?

3. Does the Lord Jesus truly have first place in your heart and life? If not, who or what is vying for that position?

4. Nineteenth century missionary statesman David Livingstone prayed, “Sever any ties but the tie that binds me to Thy service, and to Thy heart.” Does this prayer express the desire of your heart? Are there any “ties” God may want to sever in your life, so you can be bound more closely in love to Christ?
5. If she is a wall, we will build upon her a battlement of silver; and if she is a door, we will enclose her with boards of cedar (8:9). As it relates to your faith, are you more like a “wall” (firm and unyielding in your convictions) or a “door” (one who is easily swayed and needs greater restraints)?

What about in your relationships with men—are you a “wall” or a “door”?

6. In the Song of Songs, we see the bride and her beloved pursuing the deepest and most mature love possible. What do these verses tell us about God’s goals for believers: Colossians 1:28–29; Ephesians 4:13–16; Galatians 4:19; 2 Corinthians 11:2? How serious and intentional are you about pursuing spiritual growth and maturity?

7. What shall we do for our sister? (8:8). Mature lovers of Christ have a desire to share with others the grace they have received from Christ. They are burdened for those who are younger or less mature in their faith, and desire to help them grow and become mature, fruitful believers. Whom has God placed in your life that you could help to build up and encourage in their walk with God? In their marriage?
Day 25 – Mature Love 6:

Let Me Hear Your Voice

(Song of Songs 8:11–14)

Listen: CD 9, Track 1

1. What motivates your service for the Lord? Is it fear, duty, love, or something else?

2. Is it your heart’s desire to live a fruitful life, for the pleasure and satisfaction of your heavenly Bridegroom? Express that longing to Him.

3. The beloved says to his bride: You, who dwell in the gardens, the companions listen for your voice—let me hear it! (8:13). Are you satisfied with the amount of time you spend on a regular basis listening and talking to the Lord (through His Word and prayer)? If not, what adjustments could you make to allow for more time to cultivate your relationship with Him?
4. The bride in the Song of Songs is eager for the return of her beloved—
*Make haste, my beloved . . .* (8:14). Are you eager for Jesus to return for His Bride? What difference could that expectation and longing make in your life and service until He comes? Are you a ready Bride?

5. It would mean a lot to Nancy Leigh DeMoss and the *Revive Our Hearts* team if you would take a few moments to jot a note of encouragement and send to info@ReviveOurHearts.com, sharing how God has used this study in your life. For example,

- How has this series on the Song of Songs deepened your love for Christ?
- What are some of the major takeaways you have gained from this study?
- How has this study impacted your view of human love, sex, and marriage? Has it made a difference in your relationship with your mate?
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