

Song of Songs

Part 1 of the *Pure: The naked truth* sermon series

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Interesting notes about Song of Songs:

- It's the love song of all love songs.
- It's an explicit love song.
- God is mentioned nowhere in the book.
- It's both literal and allegorical.
- Solomon wrote the book to describe his first love.

Enjoy the wife you married as a young man! Lovely as an angel, beautiful as a rose—don't ever quit taking delight in her body. Never take her love for granted!

Proverbs 5:18-19

Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 9:9

Key Question:

- When you reach the end of your life, do you want to look back on your relationships with shame and regret OR with joy and fulfillment?

There are three things that are too wonderful for me, four that I do not understand: the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship in the sea, and the way of a man with a woman.

Proverbs 30:18-19

Pure, intimate love...

- ...begins with attraction
- ...is fanned into flame through romantic pursuit
- ...anticipates an arrival
- ...is consummated in godly, passionate union
- ...flourishes in an environment full of Christ-like love.

Solomon's Song of Songs. Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—for your love is more delightful than wine. Pleasing is the fragrance of your perfumes; your name is like perfume poured out. No wonder the young women love you! Take me away with you—let us hurry! Let the king bring me into his chambers.

Song of Songs 1:1-4

Good news: if you had passion at one time and lost it, God wants to restore it.

Next Steps

Take some time to answer the following questions with your spouse, children, or small group...

- 1) If you had to pick one song as a theme song for your life, what would it be?
- 2) Did you have a grade school crush? Who was it and why did you fall for them?
- 3) Read the excerpt from Song of Solomon 1. What does passion look like to a woman? How about to a man? Why are they different?
- 4) If married, honestly assess the passion-level in your marriage against the passion seen in Songs of Songs 1:1-4. Is this kind of passion just for the young? Why or why not? Do you want a marriage that's this passionate?
- 5) Pray that God would begin to restore passion in your marriages & in your relationship with Him.