



Part 6: Pure Passion

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Song of Songs 7 & 8

I said, "I will climb the palm tree;
I will take hold of its fruit." (7:8)

***I will* — Pure Romantic Intent**

I belong to my beloved... (7:10a)

***I belong* — Pure Trust**

...and his desire is for me... (7:10b)

***For me* — Pure Directed Desire**

Come, my beloved, let us go to the countryside,
let us spend the night in the villages.
Let us go early to the vineyards
to see if the vines have budded,
if their blossoms have opened,
and if the pomegranates are in bloom—
there I will give you my love. (7:11-12)

***Let us* — Pure Spiritual Initiative**

Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you:
Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires. (8:4)

***Do not* — Pure Godly Patience**

Who is this coming up from the wilderness
leaning on her beloved? (8:5)

***Leaning on* — Pure Interdependence**

But my own vineyard is mine to give;
the thousand shekels are for you, Solomon,
and two hundred are for those who tend its fruit. (8:12)

***Mine to give* — Pure Personal Ownership that we may gaze on you!**

A Declaration of Eternal Love

Place me like a seal over your heart,
like a seal on your arm;
for love is as strong as death,
its jealousy unyielding as the grave.
It burns like blazing fire,
like a mighty flame.
Many waters cannot quench love,
rivers cannot sweep it away.

SONG OF SONGS 8:6-7a

Next Steps

The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work

Friday, Nov. 18, 6:00–8:00 PM and Saturday, Nov. 19, 8:30 AM–1:00 PM

This 2 half-day workshop is based on 40 years of research with thousands of couples by Drs. John and Julie Gottman. The principles are proven to help couples improve their friendship, enhance romance and intimacy, manage conflict constructively and gain skills to solve problems. The experience is equally useful for long-time married couples, those considering marriage, and everyone in between. \$80/couple. ***Register and find out more at the Connection Point today.***

Small Group Questions

- 1) What's your favorite love song? Why?
- 2) If someone asked you, "How do I know if I'm in love?" how would you answer that question biblically?
- 3) Grant defined spiritual initiative using the words "let us." How are you taking initiative in your relationships to lead people towards Jesus?
- 4) Where do you find Jesus in the final two chapters of Song of Songs?
- 5) Read Song of Solomon 8:6-7 as God's declaration of eternal love to you. How does your heart respond? Are you able to receive that? Why or why not?
- 6) How can we pray for you today and throughout the week?