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Song of Songs 2:8-3:5

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Old Fashioned Silly Love Songs For Annie

Is your passion R.E.A.L?

Reserved

Song of Songs 2:16, 3:5
Psalm 103:3-5, 11-12

Exciting

Song of Songs 2:13, 3:4

Active

Song of Songs 2:15
Ephesians 4:26-27
Colossians 3:19
Ephesians 4:31-32

Loving

Song of Songs 2:8
Song of Songs 2:13-14



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Just An Old-Fashioned Love Song

**Just an old fashioned love song
One I'm sure they wrote for you and me
Just an old fashioned love song
Coming down in three part harmony
To weave our dreams upon and listen
To each evening when the lights are low
To underscore our love affair with
tenderness and feeling
That we've come to know**



Just An Old-Fashioned Love Song

**You swear you've heard it before
As it slowly rambles on and on
No need in bringing 'em back
'Cause they've never really gone**



Annie's Song

**You fill up my senses
Like a night in a forest
Like the mountains in springtime
Like a walk in the rain
Like a storm in the desert
Like a sleepy blue ocean
You fill up my senses
Come fill me again**



Annie's Song

**Come let me love you
Let me give my life to you
Let me drown in your laughter
Let me die in your arms
Let me lay down beside you
Let me always be with you
Come let me love you
Come love me again**



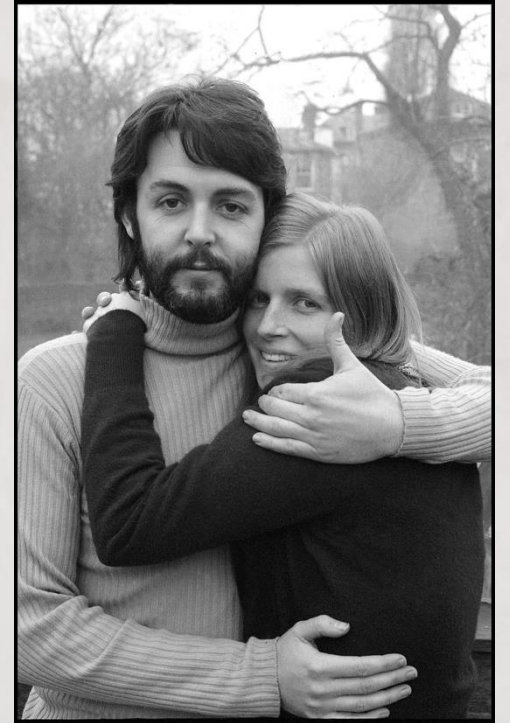
Silly Love Songs

**You'd think that people would have had
enough of silly love songs**

**I look around me and I see it isn't so, oh no
Some people wanna fill the world with silly
love songs**

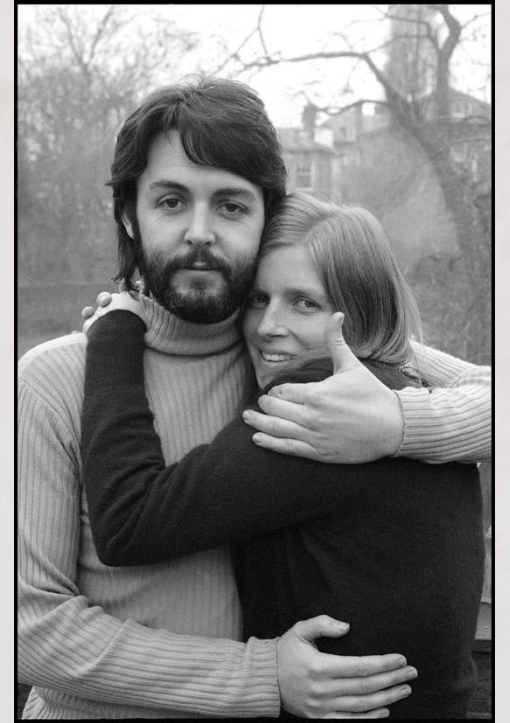
And what's wrong with that?

I'd like to know 'cause here I go again



Silly Love Songs

**I love you, I love you
I can't explain the feeling's plain to me,
say can't you see?
Ah, she gave me more, she gave it all to
me, say can't you see?
What's wrong with that?
I need to know 'cause here I go again**



Song of Songs 2:8-3:5

**⁸ Listen! My love is approaching.
Look! Here he comes,
leaping over the mountains,
bounding over the hills.**

**⁹ My love is like a gazelle
or a young stag.**

**See, he is standing behind our wall,
gazing through the windows,
peering through the lattice.**

¹⁰ My love calls to me:

Arise, my darling.

Come away, my beautiful one.

**¹¹ For now the winter is past;
the rain has ended and gone away.**

**¹² The blossoms appear in the countryside.
The time of singing has come,
and the turtledove's cooing is heard in our land.**

**¹³ The fig tree ripens its figs;
the blossoming vines give off their fragrance.
Arise, my darling.**

Come away, my beautiful one.

**¹⁴ My dove, in the clefts of the rock,
in the crevices of the cliff,
let me see your face,
let me hear your voice;
for your voice is sweet,
and your face is lovely.**

**15 Catch the foxes for us—
the little foxes that ruin the vineyards—
for our vineyards are in bloom.**

**16 My love is mine and I am his;
he feeds among the lilies.**

**17 Until the day breaks
and the shadows flee,
turn around, my love, and be like a gazelle
or a young stag on the divided mountains.**

3 In my bed at night

I sought the one I love;

I sought him, but did not find him.

**² I will arise now and go about the city,
through the streets and the plazas.**

I will seek the one I love.

I sought him, but did not find him.

³ The guards who go about the city found me.

I asked them, “Have you seen the one I love?”

**⁴ I had just passed them
when I found the one I love.**

**I held on to him and would not let him go
until I brought him to my mother's house—
to the chamber of the one who conceived me.**

**⁵ Young women of Jerusalem, I charge you
by the gazelles and the wild does of the field,
do not stir up or awaken love
until the appropriate time.**

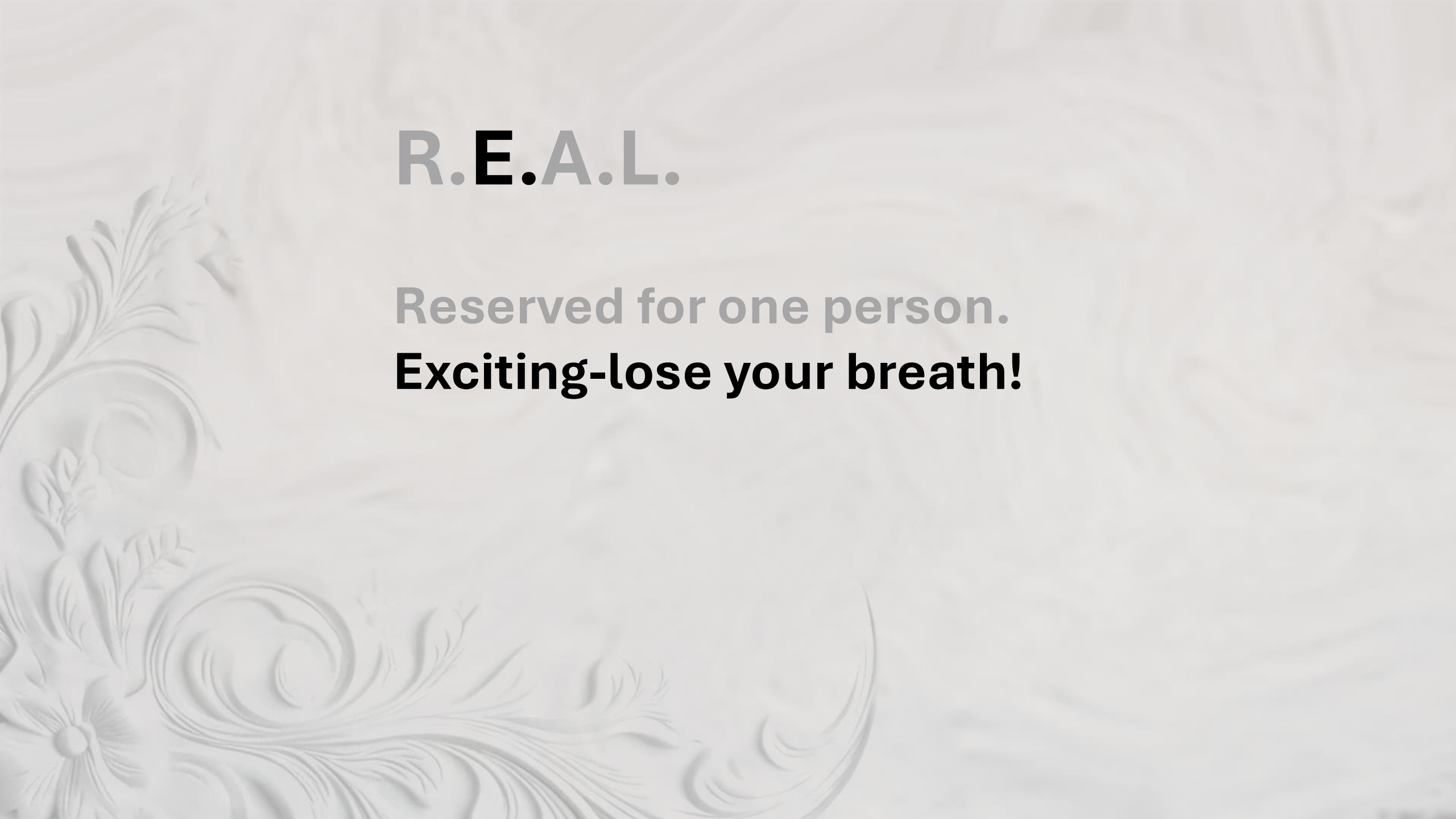
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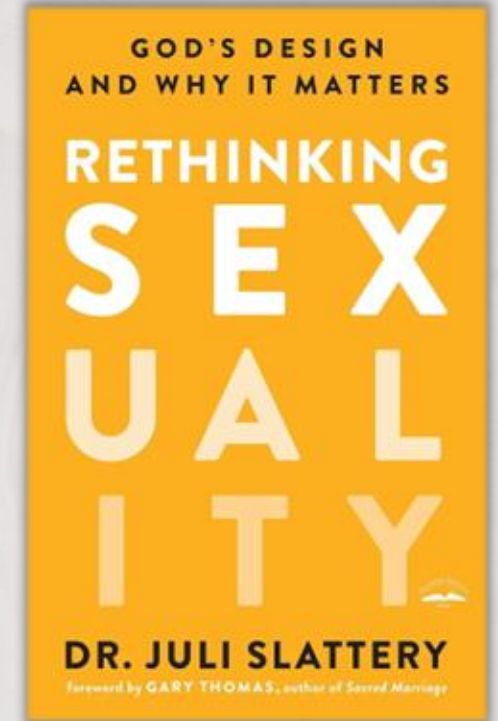
***Young women of Jerusalem, I charge you
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“Our sexuality is a tremendous gift from God. However, we rarely see it as a gift because it has been so twisted and tainted in our personal experiences and our culture.

We have been sexually disciplined by the world.

What God created as a sacred expression of covenant love has been cheapened, warped, abused, and twisted.”



Juli Slattery
Rethinking Sexuality

"True love is monogamous. It implies devotion to the other but also implies that one has the right to expect fidelity from the other."

Duane A. Garrett

"Song of Songs."

Song of Songs, Lamentations.

Word Biblical Commentary Series

**“I was made for lovin’ you baby,
you were made for lovin’ me!”**

KISS
Dynasty



*(The first concert I ever attended was the Dynasty
tour in 1979 at Riverfront Coliseum in Cincinnati, OH.
This picture is actually from THAT night.)*



**Put to rest
What you thought of me
While I clean this slate
With the hands of uncertainty**

**So let mercy come
And wash away
What I've done

I'll face myself
To cross out what I've become
Erase myself
And let go of what I've done**



For what I've done

I start again

And whatever pain may come

Today this ends

I'm forgiving what I've done!

I'll face myself

To cross out what I've become

Erase myself

And let go of what I've done

Forgiving what I've done





Eugène Siberdt

The Prophet Nathan rebukes King David

Be gracious to me, God, according to your faithful love;
according to your abundant compassion, **blot out my rebellion.**
Completely wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin...
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
Turn your face away from my sins and blot out all my guilt.
God, **create a clean heart for me** and
renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Psalm 51:1-2, 8-10



He forgives all your iniquity; he heals all your diseases.

He redeems your life from the Pit;

he crowns you with faithful love and compassion.

He satisfies you with good things;

your youth is renewed like the eagle.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his faithful love toward those who fear him.

**As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed
our transgressions from us.**

Psalm 103:3-5, 11-12



Exciting-lose your breath!

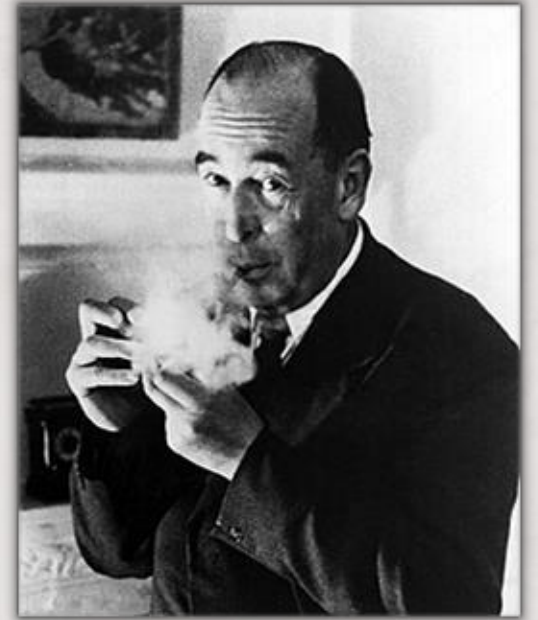
*The fig tree ripens its figs;
the blossoming vines give off their fragrance.
Arise, my darling. Come away, my beautiful one.*

*I held on to him and would not let him go
until I brought him to my mother's house—
to the chamber of the one
who conceived me.*



“The biological purpose of sex is children...But if a healthy young man indulged his sexual appetite whenever he felt inclined, and if each act produced a baby, then in ten years he might easily populate a small village.

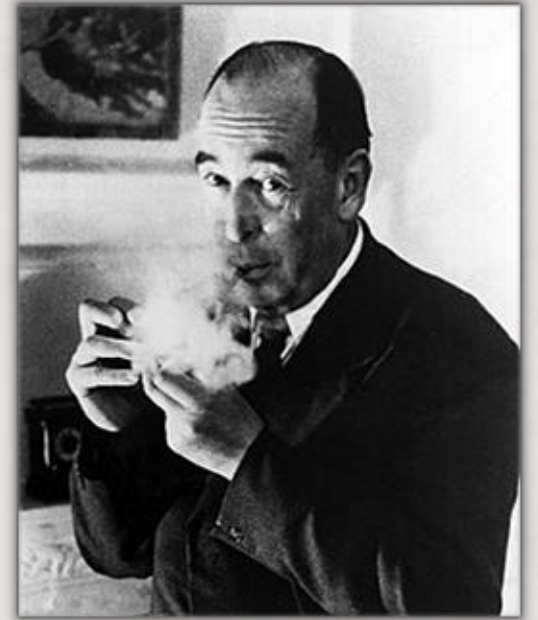
This appetite is in ludicrous and preposterous excess of its function...



C.S. Lewis
Mere Christianity

Modern people are always saying, 'Sex is nothing to be ashamed of.' They may mean two things. They may mean 'There is nothing to be ashamed of in the fact that the human race reproduces itself in a certain way, nor in the fact that it gives pleasure.'

**If they mean that, they are right.
Christianity says the same. It is not the thing, nor the pleasure, that is the trouble.**

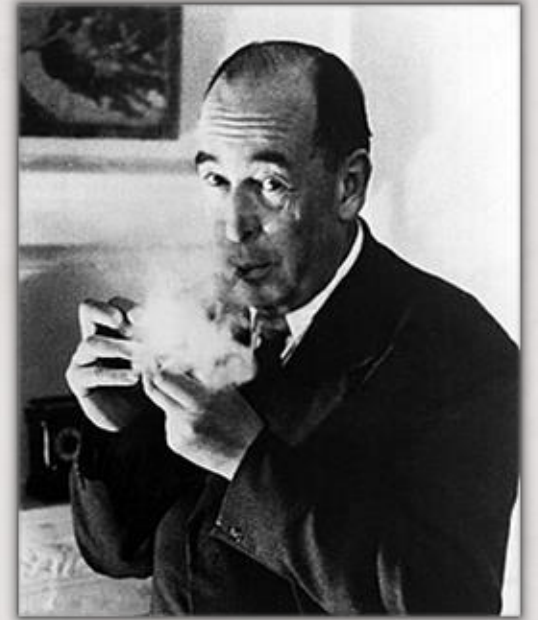


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The old Christian teachers said that if man had never fallen, sexual pleasure, instead of being less than it is now, would actually have been greater.

I know some muddle-headed Christians have talked as if Christianity thought that sex, or the body, or pleasure, were bad in themselves.

But they were wrong.



C.S. Lewis
Mere Christianity



Active-resolve issues quickly.

***Catch the foxes for us—
the little foxes that ruin the vineyards—
for our vineyards are in bloom.***



“She was evidently urging Solomon, poetically, to deal with some problems in their relationship, rather than telling him to clear literal foxes out of her family's vineyards.

All couples encounter some potentially destructive situations in their relationships that need dealing with occasionally. Often the woman senses these first, as here, but the man should take the initiative in dispelling them and thus protect his loved one.”

Dr. Thomas Constable

“Anger is not just a relationship destroyer; it is a self-destroyer. It eats up all other wholesome emotions.

...the overwhelming message of the New Testament is to put away anger. Colossians 3:8 says, ‘Put them all away: anger, wrath, malice.’ Ephesians 4:31-32 says, ‘Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.’

John Piper

Podcast: The Great Marriage Killer

“Anger kills a marriage way more often than sexual misconduct.”



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“Whatever it is on any given day, anger can leave us lying in bed, contemplating another one-night stand against someone (or everyone).

Then the ten words come to mind we’ve tried hard not to memorize: “Do not let the sun go down on your anger” (Ephesians 4:26). With that strange and familiar chorus ringing in our ears, we may begin to loosen our grip on our wrath ...

But why? Well, because God said so...

Marshall Segal

President & CEO, Desiring God

Don't Go To Bed With Your Anger

One pervasive lie is that time heals everything. Time can definitely help in some circumstances... But time by itself heals nothing. If we depend on time to heal what's wrong in our relationships, we will carry wounds with us the rest of our lives. The truth is time can heal, but not without real, tangible confession, correction, repentance, and forgiveness.

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Applying Ephesians 4:26 does not necessarily mean refusing to go to bed without reconciliation, but instead doing everything in our power to confess, correct, repent, and forgive quickly — if possible, within 24 hours...

We should refuse to harbor bitterness or to hold grudges against one another...Be quick to forgive and reconcile, and patient with the process of trust-building and full restoration.”

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Loving-remember the butterflies.

Listen! My love is approaching.

*Look! Here he comes, leaping over the mountains,
bounding over the hills.*

Come away, my beautiful one.

*... let me see your face,
let me hear your voice;
for your voice is sweet,
and your face is lovely.*





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Proverbs 5:18-19

**May your fountain be blessed,
and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth.
A loving doe, a graceful deer—
may her breasts satisfy you always,
may you ever be intoxicated with her love.**

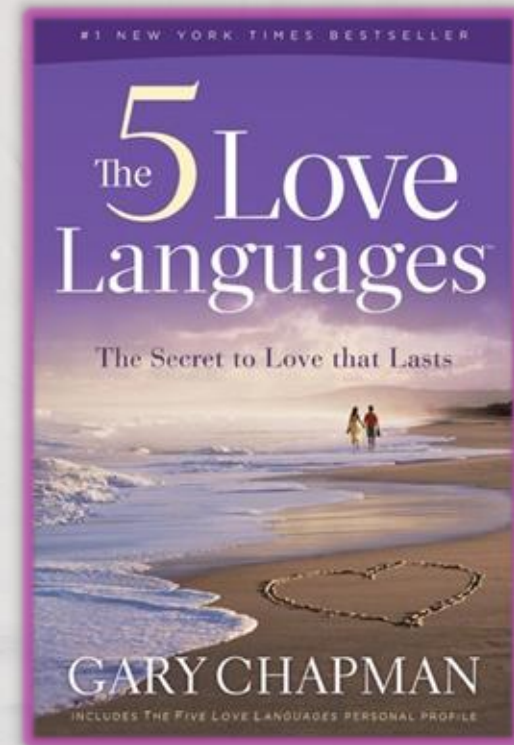


1 Corinthians 13:4-7

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, ⁵ is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs. ⁶ Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.



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	HOW TO COMMUNICATE	ACTIONS TO TAKE
Words of Affirmation	Encourage, affirm, appreciate, empathize. Listen actively.	Send an unexpected note, text, or card. Genuinely encourage, and often.
Physical Touch	Non verbal - use body language and touch to express love	Hug, kiss, hold hands, show physical affection often. Make intimacy a thoughtful priority.
Receiving Gifts	Thoughtfulness, make your spouse a priority, speak purposefully.	Give thoughtful gifts and gestures. Small things matter in a big way. Express gratitude when receiving a gift.
Quality Time	Uninterrupted and focused conversations. One-on-one time is critical.	Create special moments together, take walks and do small things with your partner. Weekend getaways are huge.
Acts of Service	Use action phrases like "I'll help...". They want to know you're with them, partnered with them.	Do chores together or make them breakfast in bed. Go out of your way to help alleviate their daily workload.

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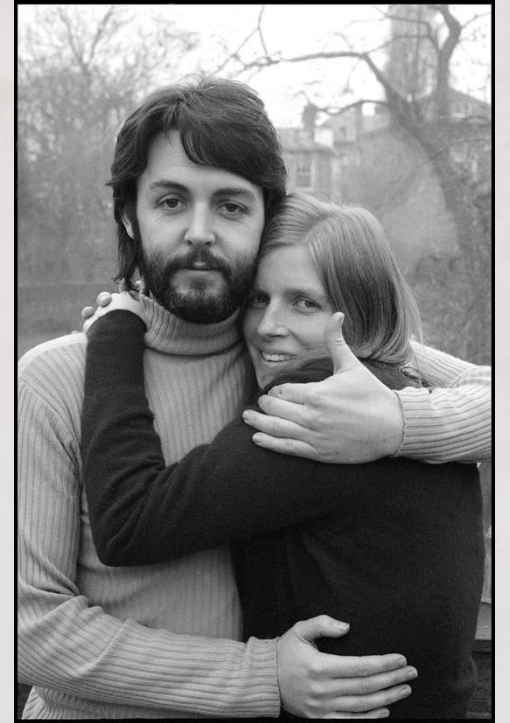
Half our lives we spend waiting for the knock upon the door.
When it comes, will it be the one that I've been waiting for.
Somebody's out there, somewhere!
Waiting for someone to come their way.
Somebody's out there, somewhere!
I will somehow be somebody's someone...
someday.

Triumph
Sport of Kings



Silly Love Songs

**Love doesn't come in a minute
Sometimes it doesn't come at all
I only know that when I'm in it
It isn't silly, love isn't silly, love isn't silly at all**



**...now the winter is past;
the rain has ended and gone away.**

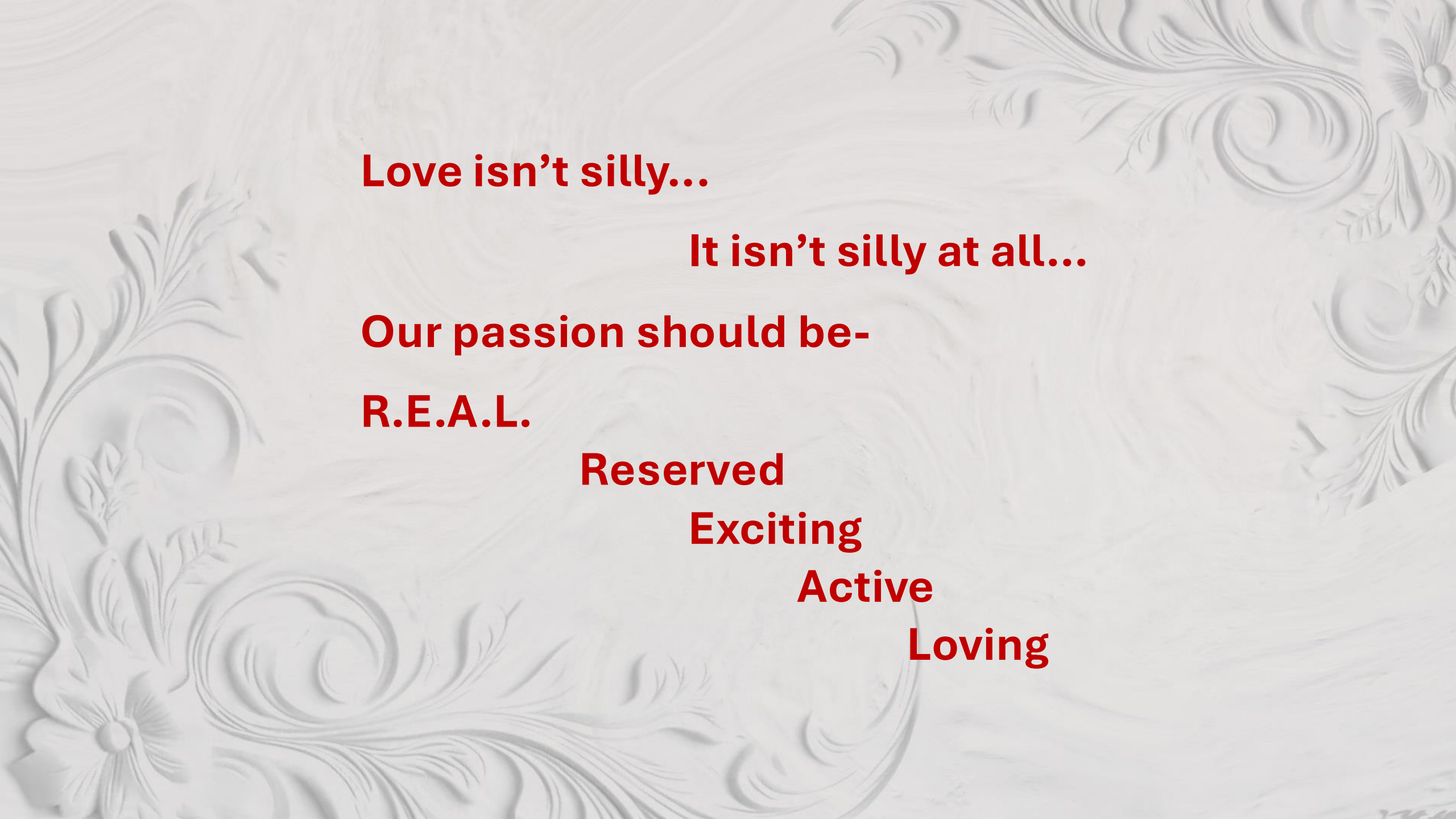
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Love isn't silly...

It isn't silly at all...

Our passion should be-

R.E.A.L.

Reserved

Exciting

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Loving

A branch with two vibrant red hibiscus flowers and green leaves is positioned behind the word 'LOVE'. The flowers are in full bloom, with one slightly above and to the left of the other. The leaves are dark green and serrated.

LOVE

A SONG OF VIRTUE