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## MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Rom Com | The Birds & The Bees...2!

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1. This message started out with a movie style rating and was given an R so parents had a content warning. Joel then proceeded to tell how his mom gave him 'The Birds & The Bees' talk & now his kids are asking for 'The Birds & The Bees' talk. Did you get *the talk*?
2. Talking about 'The Birds & The Bees' in church can seem weird, even wrong, but Joel asked this question before diving in, *if the church stays silent on the topic & culture keeps turning up the volume on the topic, than who is forming our values and opinions on sex?* Discuss that & the importance of talking about it in church.
3. Read Song of Solomon 4:1-4, and describe Solomon's approach to making his bride feel loved. How can we learn from this in our romantic relationships?
4. When it comes to romance, men generally are microwaves and women are crockpots. What's that mean and why is that important to be aware of?
5. If you're feeling brave, read Song of Solomon 4:5-6 out loud. There's some explicit details in this chapter but what's important to note is that there is passion in this relationship. Over time, passion and 'the butterflies' can wear off...so what are some strategic things couples can do to 'plan passion' (for example : book a couples vacation, plan a date, cook in and shut off your phones).
6. Read Song of Solomon 4:12-16 (again, if you're feeling brave). This is poetic but basically, Solomon and his bride waited until their wedding night to share this intimate moment (v. 12 is describing the bride as a virgin). How is the Bible's message on 'the Birds & the Bees' different than our cultures in terms of waiting?
7. Sometimes, 'The Churches' message on 'the birds & the bees' is...**NO! NO! NO! IT'S DIRTY & TERRIBLE!** How does that message differ from the passages we've read in Song of Songs? In other words, is this couples romance described as a bad thing or a God given gift?
8. Joel ended this message by talking about his dogs mess and how he thought it was unsalvageable at first until he hit the reset button and just went to work. First, what kind of messes do your pets make? Second, how has God supplied all of us a Reset button when we have missed the mark in the area of 'The Birds & The Bees'?