

Romance in the Culture

The example of Parks and Rec, the Office, etc.

How does the Bible agree, disagree?

Genesis 2 – Marriage

Two surprises

It's not good!

Let me make you a helper... followed by animals

Hookup culture vs. oxytocin

Modern people struggling to emotionally connect and bond properly

We deviate from God's design at our own peril

(Space for other notes)

Song of Songs - Sex

Solomon's Repentance

Songs 8:11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon; he let out the vineyard to keepers; each one was to bring for its fruit a thousand pieces of silver.

Songs 8:12 My vineyard, my very own, is before me; you, O Solomon, may have the thousand, and the keepers of the fruit two hundred.

Three repeated phrases

Songs 2:7, 3:5, 8:4 “Do not stir up or awaken love before it desires.”

Songs 2:5, 5:1, 5:8 “I am sick with love.”

Songs 2:16, 6:3, 7:10 “My beloved is mine, and I am his.”

Praise for physical beauty

Song 4:1-7 – eyes, teeth, lips, mouth, cheeks, neck, breasts

There is no flaw in you

A word for the hurting and broken

Even this is about Jesus!

Questions for Personal Study

1. Based on what Genesis 2 says, what is marriage, biblically?
2. Why is it important to see marriage as binding and permanent, not temporary?
3. Why do you think God instructs us in the physical elements of marriage, and marital union?
4. How does your marriage measure up to this, or fall short? What might you do differently?