

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Everybody enjoys a good love song... but do the lyrics ever truly come alive? God's Word redefines attraction, dating, intimacy, conflict, depth, and faithfulness. With Jesus at the center, as we trust His leading, our relationships can work. It's time to trust God's lyrics for your Love Song.

Do you trust that God's ways are right, good and better?

Song of Solomon 7:1-13 (NIV)

Four Truths about Mature Love:

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| 1) Mature Love has a Deeper <u>Appreciation</u> . | Ask: What do you <u>love</u> ? |
| 2) Mature Love meets Deeper <u>Needs</u> . | Ask: What do you <u>need</u> ? |
| 3) Mature Love has a Deeper <u>Respect</u> . | Ask: What do you <u>value</u> ? |
| 4) Mature Love has a Deeper <u>Intimacy</u> . | Ask: What brings you <u>pleasure</u> ? |

Frequently expressed love from a husband makes a woman feel secure.

Frequently expressed respect from a wife makes a man feel confident.

Song of Solomon 8:1-4 (NIV)

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) If married, ask your spouse the four application questions from the sermon: What do you love? What do you need? What do you value? What brings you pleasure?
- 3) For your relationships to be successful, you must close the gap between good intentions and actions. What specific commitment do you need to make and keep? Write your commitment(s) down and share them with others for accountability.
- 4) Husbands: Write a list of everything you appreciate about your wife and read it to her. If you have kids, be sure to have them watch you do it! Wives, do the same.
- 5) Read *The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman. If you don't already know, discover the Love Language of your spouse (and your kids' too!).