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## Review

The last section of last week was about God calling to Adam in the garden after the fall – i.e. God seeks US out.

The bride discovers this trait about the Groom

**Song 2:9** "My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Behold, he is standing behind our wall, He is looking through the windows, He is peering through the lattice.

This stirs her but meanwhile her time is being managed by others rather than managing her own time:

**Song 1:6b** My mother's sons were angry with me; They made me caretaker of the vineyards, *But* I have not taken care of my own vineyard.

so she neglects her own place of one-on-one with God by doing the work others told her that *God* said needed to be done.

**Moses** was called to lead the people out of Egypt.

**Ex 3:10** "Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt."

Paul – when he got saved – did not immediately get in there & minister!

**Gal 1: 15** But when God, who had set me apart *even* from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased <sup>16</sup> to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood, <sup>17</sup> nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus

**What did Paul do in Arabia?**

- We have NO idea!! Maybe that's the point.

I'm guessing he went somewhere to get acquainted with the Guy who knocked him off his high horse.

**Song 7: 11** "Come, my beloved, let us go out into the country, Let us spend the night in the villages. <sup>12</sup> "Let us rise early *and go* to the vineyards; Let us see whether the vine has budded *And its* blossoms have opened, *And whether* the pomegranates have bloomed. There I will give you my love.

**What happens to you if you hit the ground running, join a ministry, get out there and get to work before you absolutely sit and do nothing in God's presence, getting to know Him and fall in love with Him first?**

One seeking office of overseer –

1 Tim 3: 6 *and* not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil.

Dr Wade Taylor, of "Secret of the Stairs" writes,

I learned a principle many years ago that greatly affected my life: "If we will build God a house of devotion, He will build us a house of ministry." If we are faithful in our part, which is "being with Him," then He will be faithful in His part, to "send us forth."

(really ought to read that again...)

But if we have it all together, we really don't need God because ministry is ministry.

We have an awesome sound system

- Projector
- Smoke machine
- Lighting

- excellent musicians – 3 teams deep
- 4,000 in attendance on a Sunday morning
- etc.

**We** are rich and we really don't need much of anything.

Rev 3: 17 'Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

**He talking to the Pharisees? The church of Satan?**

Gold = riches

(hint, gold is real money, not that paper that is a derivative of real wealth. Ask Zimbabwe if you don't believe me)

They thought they were rich but lacked intimacy entirely! Therefore He spoke to them in the language they understood:

Rev 3:<sup>18</sup> I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich,

Gold speaks of divine nature, "refined by fire",

His image being wrought within our spirit

**Pr 13:20** He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm.

- We will become *like* Him as we spend time *with* Him

He says a few other things TO THE CHURCH then finishes with

<sup>19</sup> 'Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup> 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

"I stand at the door and knock..." – we use this for salvation but that's not what this was intended for.

Disciplines are not fun but afterwards they yield the peaceful fruit of righteousness

- Heb 12: 11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.
- Righteousness → man's relationship with man (Godliness → man w/ God)
- We have a right outward view after we've fallen into God's disciplines and are useful to Him to be wielded

**Where** do we spend time with Him? In our secret place. Our own garden with high walls to keep everyone but Jesus out / away.

Song 4: 12 "A garden locked (or enclosed, can't get in) is my sister, my bride, A rock garden locked, a spring sealed up.

This "enclosure" or "lock" is supposed to separate this time from every other friend/good thing that would seek to occupy your time unto a lesser realm of spiritual experience.

- It is holy,
- it is set apart

On track but taking a slight detour in scope! There is much symbolism in Song. We will look at just 1 verse and show a "Reader's Digest" version of how deep in a different dimension this can go

He then goes on to describe her garden:

**Song 4:13** Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard, 14 Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices:

**What does this mean to any of you?**

**Is this just like whip cream or stove top stuffing? Filler? Just threw it in there because it's cool?**

