

## The Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3

### *Love at First Fight*

#### UNDERSTANDING THE PASSAGE

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1. **Main Idea of the Passage:** The conflict depicted between this married couple is a realistic picture of life in our fallen world, which ultimately points us to the truer and better marriage between Jesus and His bride, the Church, and the promises that await in the New Heavens and the New Earth.
2. **Melodic Line of the Book:** God is love and The Song of Solomon sings of that love, revealed in human marriage, a gloriously-intimate bond between God and His people.

#### KEY WORDS/THEMES

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1. **Beloved (*dod*) vv. 5:2, 4-6, 8-10, 16; 6:1-3** – beloved one, lover; a term of endearment ranging from friendship and familial affection to romantic love.
2. **Love ('āhab) v. 5:8 (see also 2:5)** – to love, like, be a friend; love can refer to friendship, familial love, romantic love, or covenant loyalty.
3. **Adjure (*śāba'*) vv. 5:8-9 (see also 2:7; 3:5; 8:4)** to plead with someone (the daughters of Jerusalem) forcefully; to make one swear an oath, give a charge.
4. **Friend (*rēa'*) v. 5:16 (masculine form of *rayāh*, see 1:9, 15; 2:2, 10, 13; 4:1, 7; 5:2; 6:4)** without expressing a particular legal relationship, this term refers to people who live in proximity to one another and with whom one must live on account of the circumstances of life, can be a friend, companion, or neighbor, but has the connotation of a lover here in The Song of Solomon.

#### STRUCTURE/OUTLINE OF THE SERMON

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- I. Introduction
- II. The Text
  - A. Scene One (5:2-3)
  - B. Scene Two (5:4-6)
    1. Selfishness
    2. Unmet Expectations
    3. Poor Communication
    4. Isolation
  - C. Scene Three (5:7)
  - D. Scene Four (5:8-9)
  - E. Scene Five (5:10-16)
  - F. Scene Six (6:1)
  - G. Scene Seven (6:2-3)
- III. Conclusion

## GOSPEL CENTRALITY

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Jesus is the faithful lover who longs to be with us and will orchestrate all of history towards that end. He is the faithful friend who will lay down his life for us. He is selfless in his affection towards us, giving all of Himself that we may be His.

## KNOWING AND BEING KNOWN

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- Reflect on how 1) your own selfishness, 2) unmet expectations, 3) poor communication, and 4) isolation have affected your relationship with your spouse and with others.
- How does being 'damaged goods' shape how you relate to your spouse and others? What are particular idols or sinful patterns that prohibit you from knowing and being known by others?
- How has your relationship with your spouse or with your friends helped shaped you into the person you are? How has it revealed blindspots and sins and made you more like Christ?
- How does the idea of 'belonging to another' affect how you view your relationship with your spouse? How you view your relationship with Christ?

## RESPONDING IN PRAYER

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- Thank God that Jesus is our faithful lover and friend who laid down his life for us.
- Repent and ask for forgiveness for your part in contributing to conflict in your marriage or other relationships.
- Pray for marriages and relationships in conflict, that marriages would be restored, Jesus would be clearly revealed, and sinners would respond to God's grace.
- Pray for those among your family, friends, and community who have not put their trust in Jesus, that they would be drawn by the love of the Beloved and receive his gracious gift of salvation.