



Go for God!

THE SONG OF SOLOMON

Chapter 5

“LIVING THE DREAM!”

> FIVE LOVE INSIGHTS FOR NEWLYWEDS & OLDYWEDS:

> LOVE INSIGHT #1 – LOVE’S FULFILLMENT! (v1)

(v1) Connects with chapter 4 - Romantic love consummated - Observe God’s three Scriptural affirmations regarding “*Romantic Love in Marriage*”:

#1 - Romantic Love in marriage is “VERY GOOD!” - Genesis 1:27-31 - *So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. . . Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.*

#2 - Romantic Love in marriage is “BLESSED!” - Proverbs 5:18-19 - *May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. A loving doe, a graceful deer--may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by her love.*

#3 - Romantic Love in marriage is “ABSOLUTE & AFFECTIONATE!” - 1 Corinthians 7:1-5 - *Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.*

> LOVE INSIGHT #2 – LIVING THE DREAM! (v2-6)

(v2a) The Bride is asleep, yet she dreams with all her heart about her beloved!

(v2b) In the dream he appears at her door, and she hears his voice, he describes her wonderfully & beautifully!

(v3) She’s in bed struggling between convenience and sacrifice.

(v4) His hand at the door and her yearning heart moves her to action!

(v5-6) She is perfumed for her beloved, but through this dream sequence he is gone from the door. She must find him!

> **LOVE INSIGHT #3 – THE DREAM BECOMES A NIGHTMARE!**
(v7-8)

(v7) The watchmen punish her for being out in the city late at night.

- We must not go to the world to seek advice, into the darkness for counsel, if we do, it will only create more pain in the marriage relationship. Listen to Psalm 1:1-3 -

*Blessed is the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.*

- Always look to Jesus, *His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* (Isaiah 9:6)

> **Experts Name 6 Things That Always End Marriages:**

#1. Finances - No matter what attraction there may be between people, if the money issues are not in balance, there will be problems, according to relationship expert. All relationship issues, somehow, some way, will come down to money. Husbands and wives must truly look at how ideas about money impact the relationship, so get real about money matters ... or else!

#2. Poor Communication - You aren't fighting, but you aren't communicating. If you've been fighting — or dread fighting — moving on to a dialogue-free phase of the relationship can feel like a relief. When this happens, divorce is often the next step if you don't seek counseling and figure out how to talk to each other — without fighting, that is.

#3. Contempt - There are couples that simply devolve into nastiness without realizing it. It can become a problem if you can't put yourself in your partner's shoes emotionally. Learn to be a good friend to your partner — listen to them, and be present, open and honest emotionally.

#4. Growing Apart - Yes, couples can grow apart, given that people are always evolving. Unfortunately, spouses may not always change together, or in the same way.

#5. Lying or Living a Double Life - This is big one! In your marriage, it's crucial that you keep lines of communication open and honest. Because of the anonymity that the internet provides (to an extent), it can be difficult to know what your spouse is really doing if you don't keep the lines of communication open. This applies outside of technology as well, whether you lost your job and haven't told your spouse or took money from the joint accounts to gamble — these are each catalysts for infidelity and mistrust.

#6. Lack of Intimacy - The key to a healthy marriage is touching, holding hands, hugging, resting your hand on your partner's thigh. Doing those things and wanting to do those things is what creates and maintains intimacy. Nothing will end a marriage quicker than a lack of physical connection; the physical is a metaphor for the emotional and the romantic.

- Remember God's Word is our counsel, listen to Psalm 36:7-11 -

7 How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God!

Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.

8 They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house,

And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.

9 For with You is the fountain of life;

In Your light we see light.

10 Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You,

And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come against me,

And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.

(v8) Shulamite seeks help from the daughters of Jerusalem to find her beloved and tell him that she is "lovesick!"

> LOVE INSIGHT #4 – DREAMY ADVICE! (v9)

(v9) This counsel from the Daughters of Jerusalem makes her realize who she has and what she has, our spouse is God's gift to us. We must not take each other for granted, our communication and response to one another should always be in lovingkindness, encouragement, romance, intimacy, and fulfillment!

**> LOVE INSIGHT #5 – AWAKEN YOUR DREAMS ONCE AGAIN!
(10-16)**

(v10-16) Shulamite gives a full body description, each part of anatomy with impressive adjectives!

- Question, are these comments for a man's ego? Yes and no. Yes, to be in love is to deeply appreciate one another. And no, not for the ego, but this describes a man of God, a husband developing Godly attributes and character, whereas they are embraced by his wife and seen by others. Let us understand:

~ Shulamite then describes her "BELOVED" as:

- "chief among ten thousand" He is outstanding in character and love!

- "he is white and ruddy" – He is ruddy, this speaks of his manliness!

- "head of the finest gold" – He is pure in thought, a mind set upon loving her!

- "his locks are wavy" – She enjoys his hair, some women like long hair, some short hair, some no hair, sometimes there isn't a choice, the waves have become beachfront property, whatever works for the two of you!

- "eyes like doves" – He has loyal eyes; she knows his attraction for her only!

- "cheeks of spices" – "lips dripping with liquid myrrh" – He smells good, good breath, and delightful conversations!

- "hands are rods of gold" – He has hands of strength, security, service, and affection!

- "his body carved" – He maintains an attractiveness!

- "his legs pillars of marble" – Pillars represent strength in Scripture, he is one who is strong in the Lord and committed to walk in His ways!

- "his countenance is excellent" - His attitude, his emotional make-up is stable, loving, fun, positive, strong, stupendous, and sensitive!

- "His mouth is sweet"- In conversation and in love!

- "He is altogether lovely" - Every aspect of his life and appearance, he takes care of himself, inside and out!

- "this is my friend" - Jesus said to each and every one of us - John 15:13-17 - *Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should*

go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. These things I command you, that you love one another.

“Togetherness”

*Once two hearts are woven tightly
In a heavenly embrace,
Life takes on a tender meaning,
And things are not hard to face.*

*Gone are all the fears they harbored;
In their place is faith anew.
Two hearts beating for one purpose
Always have a brighter view.*

*When the rains of trouble wet life,
Two hearts find a shelter warm
Wherein they can plan the future,
And detour most any storm.*

*For togetherness is stronger
Than the wildest winds of life;
Two hearts always will be equal
To the highest waves of strife.*

*So it is and I am certain
It will be till life is done.
Two hearts sing a song of gladness
So much sweeter than just one.*