

A WALL, A DOOR, & A GARDEN



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“I am my lover’s, and my lover is mine.” (Song of Solomon 6:3a NLT)

God made us sexual beings for intimacy with our spouse as a reflection of our relationship with Him. But we devalue His gift when we shut down our sexuality or, conversely, engage in hyper-sexuality. Instead, we should aim for selfless intimacy in marriage, reflecting God’s love for us in the way we love each other.

- When you were growing up, how open was the topic of sexuality in your home discussed?
- What are some reasons people desexualize themselves by shutting down their sexuality?
- How have you seen people damage themselves by behaving in an overly sexual way?
- What do you think most hinders married couples from having the sexual intimacy God desires for them?
- How do you think unmarried people can best prepare for healthy sexual intimacy in their marriages?
- How can we pray for you this week?

Going Further

Use the following verses to encourage you in the face of persecution:

- 1 Corinthians 7:1-5
- Proverbs 5:15-17
- 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5
- 1 Corinthians 6:12-19

Memory Verse

“Honor marriage, and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy between wife and husband.” (Hebrews 13:4 MSG)

Additional Resources

Lovestruck: Discovering God's Design for Romance, Marriage, and Sexual Intimacy from the Song of Solomon by Sharon Jaynes

Sacred Marriage by Gary Thomas