

Song of Solomon 2:8-17  
“What Am I Building?”

~ READ TEXT ~

AS YOU SETTLE IN...

- Turn to the book of (Song of Solomon 2:8-17).

~ LET'S PRAY ~

NOTE TAKERS...

- I've titled today's message: **“What Am I Building?”**

~ INTRO ~

MORE RECENTLY...

- I heard someone teach all 8-chapters of the Song of Solomon...
  - In one 45-minute lesson.
    - It was cool!
- But in my mind... I saw how quickly the beauty of the flow was lost!
  - The progression of this book...
    - Must be understood to capture the wonder of it!!!

SO... I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU...

- Not to miss next week (chapter #3)...
  - Because it's the fulcrum of the entire book (balancing point)...
    - Where the wedding occurs...
      - And then moves onto Honeymoon Night!

ALRIGHT... LAST WEEK...

- We started with some “Building Blocks”
  - Of loving-trust (v.2) / respect (v.3) / & public honor (v.4).

NOW... TONIGHT...

- We define how to evaluate the dating relationship...
  - And what should come from it.

IN OTHER WORDS...

- Making Sense of What I'm Building.

~ STUDY ~

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(vv.8-9)

**POINT #1 – EVALUATION:**

THE MOVEMENT OF THE BOOK...

- Gives us a glimpse at how this woman evaluates Solomon.
  - Three things come out of these verses:
    - 1) (v.8) He was carefree – “leaping” nothing weighing him down.
      - On their date... he was NOT mentally distracted!
    - 2) (v.8) He was – “skipping” meaning he was excited.
      - He brought enthusiasm to their time together!
    - 3) (v.9) He couldn’t wait to get a peek at her...
      - He was “looking” & “gazing”

“Looking” (Heb.) *sha-gakh* = An intense stare (gawking at her).

“Gazing” (Heb.) *[t]-suits* = A glance that makes the eye sparkle.

GANG...

- This is exactly the picture of how God wants it to be!
  - He doesn’t want us to settle for TOXIC attraction.
- Let me show you the good example in scripture (Gen. 2:21-23)

HERE’S A BAD EXAMPLE:

- Of what to avoid – (Job 31:1 & 9-12).

BACK IN OUR TEXT...

- We have a simple application: Time together kindles excitement!

IF YOU WANT TO KEEP LOVE ALIVE...

- Then it’s important you regularly TAKE time together as a couple!
  - No kids around
  - No work issues
  - No home problems

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THIS LEADS US TO...

(vv.10-13)

**POINT #2 – RELATIONAL HEALTH:**

YOUR **TIME ALONE PRODUCES LIFE**...

- However... if you have NOT taken regular time together...
  - Relational strain sets in...
    - And time alone becomes a fight fest!

SO... ON A PRACTICAL-LEVEL...

- We must learn how to transition...
  - Thru the seasons of life – God’s way:
    - From Dating
    - To Marriage
    - To Having babies
    - To Raising kids
    - To Getting kids thru school & into college
    - To Empty nesting
    - And even into Retirement

THESE ARE ALL SEASONS OF LIFE...

- And each one is busy in its own way!

YET... **IF WE WANT RELATIONAL HEALTH...**

- **We MUST be consistently taking time together!**

NOTICE (v.10 & v.13)...

- Solomon said to her “*Come away*” – (Heb.) *ya-lak*...
  - To take away
  - To walk
  - Or to journey

IF YOU DON’T TAKE TIME AWAY...

- You will lack... Relational Health...
  - And the God given life it’s supposed to create!

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WHEN MAN & WOMAN...

- Get time alone...
  - Conversation builds into sexual desire for each other.

**POINT #3 – SEXUAL DESIRE:**

(vv.14-17)

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SOLOMON...

- This is his tender affection for the Shulamite woman...
  - He talks WITH her & compliments her!

(vv.16-17)

SHULAMITE...

- She opened-up like a flower because she felt appreciated & safe!
  - Guys... when a woman is loved & cared for...

(v.16-b)

IN OUR CULTURE...

- “*Lilies*” are the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flower...
  - Symbolizing “devotion” & “commitment.”

THE SHULAMITE...

- Was expressing her TRUST...
  - Because she was loved & cared for!

AND THIS IS ALWAYS THE ORDER...

- Trust always follows devotion & care...
  - Which are experienced over a long period of time!
- When this happens...
  - A woman is wired by God... to “give herself” sexually!

**~ IN CLOSING ~**

LET ME TRY TO EXPLAIN (v.17).

(NLT)

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“*Before the dawn breezes blow and the night shadows flee, return to me, my love, like a gazelle...*”

REMEMBER...

- Back in (v.8) he came to her “*leaping upon the mountains*” ...
  - (v.9) “*like a gazelle*”
- Here the expression is the (Hebrew) word “*Da-mah*” ...
  - Which means: To resemble

THE IDEA IS...

- That she couldn’t wait to be together again...
  - To experience HIS carefree demeanor & graceful presence!

THIS DESIRE WAS SO STRONG...

- It moved her to a second expression... “*[like] a young stag.*”

IN SCOTTLAND...

- A young stag is an unbroken Stallion!

BASICALLY... SHE’S INVITING...

- Solomon (this stallion) to come AND get her – Big Boy!

THE INVITATION IS TO...

- *The mountains of Bether!*

BAKERS ENCYCLOPEDIA of the BIBLE...

- Says that the City Bether is NOT related to...
  - *the mountains of Bether* in this phrase!

THIS WAS AN IDIOMATIC EXPRESSION...

- Specifically referring to her breasts.

THE TITLE OF TONIGHTS MESSAGE IS:

“*What Am I Building?*”

- **When we live God’s way it dramatically changes everything!**

~ LET’S PRAY ~