

“Song of Solomon ~ The Honeymoon” [10 – 15 – 06]

Song of Solomon 4 or p. 513 in your pew Bible

This morning, I will set up the text w/a modern day fable.
[Once upon a time...]

- There was a man who visited a community of people who lived by a river
- As evening approached, he was invited to sit down by the river & enjoy a meal with his new friends.
- While they were enjoying a nice meal ~~18~~ he noticed a [1, 70 0 lb. croc] coming out of the river & he yelled, “*Look out for the crocodile!*”
- Oddly, the woman sitting nearest to him – shushed him; “We don’t talk about crocodiles!”
- Before anyone moved; the “monster croc” had chomped off the arm of the man sitting closest to the riverbank; & then it quietly slipped back into the dark waters.
- People were alarmed & noticeably upset; but they quickly recomposed themselves & went back to the meal!
- Aghast, he chided; “*A man just lost his arm to an enormous crocodile that suddenly came out of the river!*”
- “*Didn’t you all see that, or was I imagining things?*”
- Someone finally spoke up, “*Yes, we saw what happened. A number of people are attacked each year in our community by crocodiles.*”
- Then the visitor made an eerie observation;
 - He spotted people who were missing hands & feet, fingers & ears.
 - He learned that these crocodiles especially had a taste for teenagers!
 - He asked; “*Can’t you do anything about the crocodiles?*”
- Another in the group replied w/embarrassment clearly written on his face;
 - Don’t you know ~ it’s [*impolite in our culture*] to talk about crocodiles!
 - The visitor was stunned into a bewildered silence!

@ Times; I feel this has been the position of the church!

Sex is off limits; a topic we don’t talk about in polite company – fellowship of saints ☹

So where do people learn about sex?

- On the playground → from a book or magazine hidden @ a friend’s house?
- Possibly from Hollywood; an educational R-rated movie!
- Maybe, the public school system; great information concerning biological aspects & the physical mechanics & anatomy of sex & involved in reproduction.

But, what about the psychological aspects of sexual intimacy?

Information w/out a moral context is a time bomb waiting to explode!

- Planned Parenthood has determined from its polls that only (5) percent of the women who seek their abortion services have ever had a parental conversation about sex ☹

Meanwhile; lives are *being shattered & deeply impacted* w/serious psychological scars being formed because of a lack of information on God’s plan ☹

Thankfully, God has dedicated an *entire chapter in the Bible* to sex; Actually; how to make love to your mate!

Hard topic;

- Divorced ~ I know this is a painful to hear [has to be taught]
- Singles ~ (8) chapters in the Song of Solomon; (4) are written to singles
 - Solomon offers (2) things pre-marital sex will do for you;
 - # 1, Harm & damage a good relationship
 - # 2, Prolong a bad relationship
- If you have “messed up” been impure on God’s teaching for purity be encouraged!
- Jesus is a carpenter; *was & is...*in the business of building & restoring lives!

Today’s text contains (5) keys to enjoying sex God’s way!

I. 1st Key is understanding the (PRECIOUS) nature of your spouse

A. (R) Song of Solomon 4: 1a

- Solomon was a smart man; he knew that sex for a woman [always begins] in her mind, a woman’s most sensitive organ!
- A woman gets ready for sexual intimacy thru what she thinks & feels
- [To a great extent] she thinks & feels the way a man leads her to think & feel!

And then he begins to undress her; starting with her wedding veil.

B. (R) Song of Solomon 4: 1b

- Very intimate – Solomon is seeing his new bride’s face for the [very 1st time]!
- Can you imagine not knowing what your bride looked like until your wedding day?
- In antiquity & even today; a woman’s beauty is considered to be solely for the enjoyment of her husband’s pleasure [WOW!]

C. (R) Song of Solomon 4: 1c (let me interpret)

- The locks of her were a little wild, a little disheveled, cascading down her shoulders
- Just like a flock of goats playfully skipping down the mtn.’s of Gilead
- [Caution] use this compliment carefully ☺

D. (R) Song of Solomon 4: 2a

- “...*recently shorn & freshly washed*”
- Thank God for tooth paste & mouth wash; nothing kills a romantic moment like bad breath ☺

E. (R) Song of Solomon 4: 2b

- No teeth missing – must have been good news seeing her for the 1st time ☺
- Notice anything odd about this passage; she responds to Solomon’s words w/a wonderful open-mouthed smile!

As Solomon continues to undress her; notice her godly response ☺

F. (R) Song of Solomon 4: 3

- o She blushes; indicating a beautiful sense of purity!

G. (R) Song of Solomon 4: 4 – 5

- o v. 5 "...your breasts are twin fawns of a gazelle"
- o Fawns are playful – sweet & tender.
- o Solomon treated her with gentleness; very tenderly caressing her so as *not to overwhelm or frighten her!*
- o Her naked body was not an object to him; it was God's gift! [to be treated so]

[Solomon's passion] for his new bride burned deeply throughout the entire night!

H. (R) Song of Solomon 4: 6

I. (R) Song of Solomon 4: 7

- o She was precious to Solomon
- o Remember how she initially felt about herself?
- o (R) 1: 6
- o Now she is precious & adored by her husband!

J. Sexually, men & women are different!

- o Men give romance to get sex;
- o Women give sex to get romance [other words]

K. Gary Smalley writes, "*Men are microwaves, women are crock pots.*"

- o When is a man ready to have sex? [Physically, w/in seven seconds]
- o What does he have to be doing = it doesn't matter

L. Women are different

- o She needs to be consistently treated w/tenderness & compassion
- o She needs to know she is precious to her husband!

The 2nd Key to enjoying sex is...

II. To create an environment of (PROTECTION)

A. (R) Song of Solomon 4: 8

- B. Safest place should be your bedroom; never any put downs – never a place of intimidation – a place filled w/tenderness [safe space]

3rd Key to enjoying sex is...

III. Keeping your (PASSION) alive for your spouse

A. (R) Song of Solomon 4: 9 – 10

- o Solomon says, "I'd rather be with you than anybody else!"
- o [Don't understand] men who would rather be w/their guy buddies rather than with their families

- o My favorite person in all the world is...BECKY BROCK; she is wonderful satisfying!

B. (R) Song of Solomon 4: 11 ☺

- o Text moves from looking to touching [heating up]
- o What kind of kiss is this? Don't stare @ me ☺
- o Please don't give the French credit for this kiss; Solomon predated the Treaty of Versailles by 1, 800 years
- o This is a good ole fashion = Hebrew Kiss!

4th Key to enjoying sex is...[for our singles]

IV. Maintaining (PURITY) in the realm of dating!

A. (R) Song of Solomon 4: 12 - 15

- o "...a garden locked up" = NIV
- o Locked up & sealed even for the King until marriage

Solomon is painting a magnificent picture of a garden (oasis) in a hot and arid desert – sex is a little bit of heaven!

V. God intends sex to be (PLEASURABLE)

A. (R) Song of Solomon 4: 16

- o "Awake, north wind"
- o Twice before in 2: 7 & 3: 5 Solomon instructs, "...do not awaken love until the time is right!"
- o NOW, Solomon says – AWAKE

B. Woody Allen once said, "Sex is the most fun you can have w/out laughing!"

VI. Sex & Marriage from God's view

A. (3) views

1. Nothing is wrong w/celebrity = Matthew 19: 12
2. Nothing is wrong w/marriage = Matthew 19: 4
3. Something is very wrong with celibacy in marriage = (R) I Corinthians 7: 2 – 5 [MSG]

B. Biblical Reasons to say "YES" to sex

1. To achieve "Spiritual Oneness" in marriage = Genesis 2: 18 – 24
2. Procreation = Genesis 1: 27 – 28
3. Pleasure = Proverbs 5: 15, 18 – 21

- o Historical Lie – Augustine (A.D. 354 – 430) taught that sexual intercourse transmitted original sin, entangling sex & sin for centuries ☹

4. Safeguard against Satan's attacks = I Cor. 7: 5

God says, "Ministry of sex was intended to be enjoyed w/in the context of marriage!"