Restoring God's Marriage: The Song of Solomon and Intimacy as God Intended

Jared Bollman · Song of Solomon 8:1–12

INTRODUCTION

- If we don't begin to think more deeply about the kinds of connections we have with our spouse, the devil is going to continue to run up the scoreboard on us.
- This part of our marriage belongs no less to God than any other thing he created. He intended intimacy in marriage for very specific purposes.
- Have those talks. And here's why. Because if you don't, you can rest assured that someone else is.

1 Every Conversation Has to Go Back to God's Word

Genesis 2:15–25

- A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
- Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against you.
- Every conversation we have has to go back to God's word. That's got to be the foundation for it.
- So why did God create intimacy? Because it's not good for a man to be alone. To fill and subdue the earth, to satisfy the need to be part of a covenant, relationship that is wholly satisfying and God honored.

2 The Devil Started Before You Did

- No matter when you start it, you can expect that the devil started before you did.
- Daddy doesn't look at that and he's trying to impart the lesson to him because daddy looks at mama.
- If we can't talk about it within the confines of what God approves, Satan will surely provide access to those things that he does not agree with.

3 Do Not Awaken Love Before It's Time

Song of Solomon 8:1–12

- I want you to swear, O daughters of Jerusalem, do not arouse or awaken my love until she pleases.
- This is something that there is an inappropriate time and an appropriate time to be engaged in.
- If a man were to give all the riches of his house for love, it would be utterly despised.
- He could give me everything he has, and he could not buy my love. Her love is not for sale.

4 Love Waits Because Love Honors God First

Hebrews 13:4

- It's okay, girls, to say no.
- The truth is love waits. Because love honors God first. Why do I say that? Because God invented it.
- Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled for fornicators and adulterers, God will judge.
- Well, what does it mean to keep the marriage bed undefiled? It means that love waits for marriage.

5 I Am My Beloved's

Song of Solomon 7:10–13; 1 Corinthians 7:1–5

- We need to be attentive to the emotional and spiritual needs of our spouses.
- This is your power to reserve yourself only for the one that you have committed yourself to before God. And then once you've made that commitment, give him your all and he to you.
- Intimacy is about knitting two hearts together before God.
- There is no such thing as casual, meaningless sex. It doesn't exist. Your creator did not make you that way.

6 God Takes Covenants Very Seriously

Matthew 5:31–32; Matthew 19:3–9

- And what therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.
- There is one thing that God takes very seriously, and that's covenants. And that's what this is.
- You promised, you belong to her. She promised, she belongs to you.
- So, guys, we should not be dealing treacherously with the wives of our youth.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you owe some duty to God?

MY NOTES