

GOD'S DESIGN OF ROMANCE

Romantic Love Is a Varsity Sport

SONG OF SONGS 2:7, 3:5, 8:4



for CHILDREN:

When Paul was teaching the Corinthian Christians to love one another, He said: "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant..."

Discuss those different traits:

- Patient • Content
- Kind • Humble

Pick one to focus on with your schoolmates, friends, and family for a day. At the end of the day, check in with your successes.



WEEKLY AFFIRMATION:

Nothing can separate me from the love of Christ!

(Romans 8:35-39)

for THE MATURE CHRISTIAN:

In 1 John 4, the apostle explains that God is love. Who God is is the very definition of love.

In his book, Listening to His Heartbeat, Harold Shank presents that Exodus 34:5-7 is the more detailed breakdown of what it is for God to be love. Shank makes the case that this passage of scripture is the most quoted and alluded to in the Old Testament.

Borrowing from Shank's book: "The words from Ex. 34:5-7 were often used during a time of crisis because they brought comfort. Think of a present crisis and form a prayer using words from Exodus to address it.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE:

"...Do not disturb or awaken my love Until she pleases."

Song of Songs 8:4

for THE GROWING CHRISTIAN:

The author of The Song of Songs, under the inspiration of God, warns us not to awaken romantic love until we are ready to enter it by God's terms (i.e. with exclusivity, commitment, in purity).

It may be you feel that, in one way or another, you have lost that purity. Read through the following promises that you are a new creation in Christ. Seek to honor God, yourself, and your spouse (or possible future spouse) by walking in holiness each new day.

- 2 Corinthians 5:17-18
- Romans 6:1-7
- Ephesians 4:17-24
- Colossians 3:5-17



FEBRUARY 2024 GROWTH GOALS:

- Watch the Bible Project Video on The Song of Songs (*on website*)
- Read the Song of Songs
- Memorize One of the Weekly Memory Verses
- Read/Study the Bible together with your spouse 3 times this month.
for Singles: Attendance in Bible Class or Study counts.