

# GOD'S DESIGN OF ROMANCE

## *Relationship Redeemed*

GENESIS 2:23-25 · 3:7 SONG OF SONGS 1:12-15 · 4:16-5:1 · 6:1-3

for CHILDREN:

Paul continues teaching the Corinthians about Christian love: "Love isn't rude, it doesn't insist on getting it's own way; it isn't irritable, it doesn't like wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth." (1 Cor. 13:5-6)

Put positively, be: Polite, Considerate, Friendly, and Praise others for doing good things.

Like last week, pick one to focus on with your schoolmates, friends, and family. Talk about how it went at the end of the day.



WEEKLY AFFIRMATION:

*God can use me to express His love to others.*

(1 John 4:12)

for THE MATURE CHRISTIAN:

- Exodus 34:10-17
  - Deuteronomy 6:4-5
- Read:
- Psalm 24:1-6
  - Luke 9:57-62
  - James 1:17; 4:4-10

God reveals Himself, even names Himself, as Jealous. God's jealousy is a part of His exclusiveness, His uniqueness. There are no other gods.

God is jealous because He created us, yet we insist on replacing Him with false idols: be they other people, other things, or our pride of deciding what's right and wrong for ourselves.

God is jealous for all of you. Are there areas of your life you have yet to entrust to God?

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE:

**"Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins."**

1 Peter 4:8

for THE GROWING CHRISTIAN:

In Exodus 34:6, God reveals that He is "abounding in steadfast love." The Hebrew words used are *rab chesed*. *Rab* means "much" or "great," but *chesed* is not so easy to translate in English - as many as 23 different words can be used, including: "mercy, loving kindness, goodness, loyalty, devotion, faithfulness."

The more we grow in intimacy with God, the more we experience all the different aspects of His *chesed* love. For now it might be enough to understand that it is a love that God chooses to extend, regardless of all we think is unlovable about ourselves.

Read Ephesians 3:14-19. Paul is praying that Christians grow in the knowledge of Christ's love, even though it surpasses knowledge.

Look for opportunities to experience something new about God's love for you this week.



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.*