

Song of Songs

Journeying into Divine Love

Season 2 Part 2 Song of Songs 3:1-2



Scriptures

Song of Songs 3:1-2:

¹ “On my bed night after night I sought him
Whom my soul loves;
I sought him but did not find him.
² ‘I must arise now and go about the city;
In the streets and in the squares
I must seek him whom my soul loves.’
I sought him but did not find him.

- **Song of Songs 2:10:**

“My beloved responded and said to me,
‘Arise, my darling, my beautiful one,
And come along.

- **Song of Songs 2:8:**

“Listen! My beloved!
Behold, he is coming,
Climbing on the mountains,
Leaping on the hills!

- **1 Peter 5:10:** After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen *and* establish you.
- **2 Corinthians 3:18:** But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
- **Numbers 21:6:** The LORD sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.
- **Revelation 2:20-22:** But I have *this* against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit *acts of* immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality. Behold, I will throw her on a bed *of sickness*, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds.
- **Revelation 3:19:** Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.
- **Hebrews 12:6-11:** *Key Scripture dealing with the blessing of God’s discipline for His children.*
- **John 20:29:** Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed *are* they who did not see, and *yet* believed.”
- **John 14:21-23:** He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?” Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.

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Main Points

- Review
 - The Bride refused to respond to the King's call to join Him on the mountains. As a result, she began to experience separation from Him and came to realize that although obedience is costly, disobedience is even more costly.
- The season of separation was an extended period of time. We see this in the Bride's statement "night after night I sought Him." Each of God's children will experience these type of seasons during their life because God is using it to produce something wonderful in your life.
- One of the purposes of the "night after night" experience is to train us to walk by faith and not by sight (or feelings). We can obey and follow Jesus, despite not feeling anything.
- The sanctification process is always ongoing. We will never come to a place in our life that God will not require us to change (see 1 Peter 5:10 and 2 Corinthians 3:18). There is always more!
- God removes His presence to pry our hands off of our comforts and false gods. But there are levels of discipline. If His gentle discipline is not effective, it will become more difficult.
- God's discipline is a gift. We should pray for God's discipline.
- In verse two, the Bride realizes that she will not find the King unless she gets out of bed. This speaks to the fact that at certain times prayer is not enough, but we need to express our faith in action/obedience before God will meet us.
- When she first arises to look for the King, she "goes about the city," when He had told her that she He was going to the mountain. Essentially, she was obeying Him on her own terms and goes to the city, a place of distraction.

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Discussion Questions

1. Why does the Bride begin to experience separation?
2. Who does God discipline? Why is discipline a gift?
3. Have you had or are you in a “night after night” season, wherein you feel like you are not growing and Jesus is distant? What is the purpose of this challenging season, sometimes referred to as the “dark night of the soul?”
4. What is the Jesus calling you to in this season? Are there any points of obedience that He previously called you to that you have not fully obeyed in yet? Think about this and discuss how you might “arise” and obey in an active way.
5. After the Bride arises to seek “Him whom her souls,” she goes to the city. Where did the King previously tell her He was going? Discuss what the city represents and what this part of the story means for us.
6. Remember, Jesus does not condemn us for our weakness, but wants us to get stronger through obedience. Continue the prayer dialogue with Him with insights from today’s topic.