

# Song of Songs

## Journeying into Divine Love

Season 3 Part 4 Song of Songs 5:6-7



### Scriptures

#### Song of Songs 5:6-7:

6 “I opened to my beloved,  
But my beloved had turned away and had gone!  
My heart went out *to him* as he spoke.  
I searched for him but I did not find him;  
I called him but he did not answer me.  
7 “The watchmen who make the rounds in the city found me,  
They struck me *and* wounded me;  
The guardsmen of the walls took away my shawl from me.

- **James 1:2-4:** Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
- **Matthew 26:36-39:** Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed. Then He said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me.” And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.”
- **Philippians 3:10-11:** that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.
- **Job 42:5:** “I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye sees You”
- **Matthew 27:46:** About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?” that is, “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”
- **John 5:44:** How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the *one and only* God?

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### Main Points

- Review
  - The Bride begins her journey in relationship with the King in a place of excitement and enjoyment, “under the apple tree” as the Song of Songs puts it.
  - Then the King, a picture of Jesus, calls the Bride to a higher level of maturity – to obedience. The Bride fails to rise to the challenge and face the more difficult calling of the King. This results in a break in fellowship between the Bride and the King, which is a very painful experience for the Bride. She realizes it was more costly not to obey.
  - This results in an internal fortitude to find the King and “not let Him go.” She surrendered to the King’s will and purpose, and found Him again. At this point, the King shows up as the One of Gethsemane or the One Who suffered. He was calling the Bride to this as a way to enter further into His love.
- We do not want to run from difficulty. We want to say “yes” when difficulties are from God, because we will be strengthened and made complete as we endure the difficulties well.
- In 5:2, the King invites the Bride into fellowship with Him in suffering. She had known Him in blessing and ease, not she He was inviting her to discover Him in another dimension.
- The first thing the Bride experiences when she agrees to suffer with Him is the loss of His presence. This time the withdrawal of the King’s presence was NOT because of disobedience, instead it was a training in walking by faith and not by feeling.
- Feelings can be deceiving. Not everything we feel is from God, and if we do not feel God, it does not mean that He is not with us.
- A test is something we go through to strengthen us.
- Job came to know God through the challenges he faced.
- Why does God want us to go through challenging times? Because He loves us. Every branch in Him, He prunes!
- If we are going to go deep in God and climb the mountain with Him, we will have to learn to keep moving forward in faith and stability, even when we sense nothing. You still express your love and commitment to Him and do what you know is His will.
- Jesus did not feel the Father’s presence on the cross. He expressed this when He said, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?”
- One of the tests we need to go through on the way to maturity is rejection. We need to remain faithful to Him even when we are rejected by those in the world, the religious groups around us, and even our family and friends that do not love Jesus. Many Christians do everything they can to be accepted by those around them.
- The shawl represented a place of authority. This can be understood as a loss of a ministry position or other position of authority for the sake of Jesus.

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## Discussion Questions

1. We do not want difficulties for difficulty's sake, but certain challenging circumstances are from God and have a purpose. What is the purpose of God designed difficulties?
2. Discuss some past difficult situations in your life, how you handled them, and what the fruit or result was.
3. When the Bride commits to follow Jesus as the One Who suffers, she cannot find Him. Why? What was He teaching her?
4. What does it mean to walk by faith and not by feelings? Why is it important to practice this? Discuss a time when you had to walk by faith even when you could not sense or feel God's presence.
5. What is the first test we must go through as we mature in Jesus? In what ways have you experienced this test in your life?