



### Scriptures

- **Song of Songs 7:12-13, 8:1-3:**

**12** “Let us rise early and go to the vineyards;  
Let us see whether the vine has budded  
And its blossoms have opened,  
And whether the pomegranates have bloomed.  
There I will give you my love.

**13** “The mandrakes have given forth fragrance;  
And over our doors are all choice fruits,  
Both new and old,  
Which I have saved up for you, my beloved.

**8:1** “Oh that you were like a brother to me  
Who nursed at my mother’s breasts.  
If I found you outdoors, I would kiss you;  
No one would despise me, either.

**2** “I would lead you and bring you  
Into the house of my mother, who used to instruct me;  
I would give you spiced wine to drink from the juice of my pomegranates.

**3** “Let his left hand be under my head  
And his right hand embrace me.”

### Other Scriptures

- **2 Thessalonians 3:5**
- **John 21:16**
- **Revelation 22:12**
- **Matthew 13:52**
- **2 Corinthians 1:4**

### Main Points

- As we engage the LORD in the Song of Songs, He directs our hearts into the reality and truth of His love.
- The Bride is now walking in mature love, expressed in serving in God’s vineyard. Early in her journey she loved the King simply by receiving from Him, but as she matured the emphasis began to be placed on serving others and giving.
- Jesus told Peter that to love Him meant tending and shepherding His sheep.
- Mandrakes represent love. The fact that they were giving forth their fragrance demonstrates that Jesus living in her was now bearing much fruit and touching the world around.
- The Bride had a store of the riches of all that the King had given her, taught her, and blessed her with over the course of her journey with Him – some were new or recent and some were old, from earlier in her walk with Him.
- As we grow in the LORD, we have more and more to give others.



- The Bride had a desire to bring the King to “her mother’s house” or to all those who she knew growing up or that are close to her. She wanted her family to receive Him and be able to praise and glorify Him together with them.
- We should not let anything stop us from bringing Jesus into every place and relationship in our lives.
- Verse 8:3 is speaking about security in the LORD.

### Discussion Questions

1. With respect to our relationship with Jesus, what is one of the main purposes of the Song of Songs?
2. Discuss the conversation Jesus had with Peter on the seashore in John 21. How does this relate to the final verses of chapter 7 of the Song of Songs?
3. Reflect on your life. Discuss something “old” and something “new” that the LORD has given you that you now have to share with others.
4. Do you hesitate to bring Jesus into places that are very familiar to you? Discuss and pray for wisdom on how to do this with the group. Share a time that you were able to share Jesus or about something He has done for you with someone close to you.