

Song of Songs

Journeying into Divine Love

Season 2 Part 1 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!
- **John 17:3-4:** This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.
- **Exodus 34:14:** --for you shall not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.
- **John 14:21:** 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.
- **Hebrews 12:6:** for those whom the lord loves he disciplines, and he scourges every son whom he receives.
- **Proverbs 13:24:** He who withholds his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently.
- **Hebrews 12:11:** All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.
- **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.
- **Romans 8:28-29:** And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren.

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Main Points

- Review
 - Early in the book (vs. 1:4) the Bride experiences the King in such a powerful way that she states her life purpose is to follow the King and carry out His work. Our purpose on earth is the same – 1) grow closer to Jesus and 2) share in His work.
 - After the initial encounter and early in her relationship with the King, the Bride enjoys the King's presence – His peace, beauty and love (vs. 2:3).
 - The King then calls the Bride out of her comfort zone. This is a step of faith (faith = risk). We all are called by Jesus from one level to another at different times in our life to do something that we have never done before.
 - The King reveals Himself as victorious over all things in life (vs. 2:8) and calls her to follow Him up the mountain (vs. 2:10, 13). This interrupts her state of simply resting under the shade tree and is an invitation to begin walking with Him in strength. It was a call to radical obedience because climbing a mountain is very difficult.
 - The Bride tells the King to go Himself, refusing to follow Him. She knew this decision would cause a separation in their relationship (Bethor means separation), but did not realize how deeply the separation would affect her.
 - Obedience is costly, but disobedience is even more costly because the King lifts His manifest presence from us. This is not to punish or reject us, but because He is jealous for us and wants us to mature.
- Disobedience brings discipline because God loves us. Early in our relationship, the Holy Spirit helps us see the obvious (often outward) expressions of sin and disobedience. As our journey progresses, He continues deeper into issues of our heart that we were not aware of before. If we obey, we get stronger and mature, but if we disobey, a distance will appear between us and Jesus.
- In 3:1, the Bride begins to experience the effect of the separation. It gets to be too much until finally in verse 3:2 she decides to obey and “arise” to find the King.
- The LORD begins to discipline us gently (i.e., by lifting His presence), but if we do not respond, the discipline will become more and more severe.
- God's discipline is meant to bring us into blessings.

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Discussion Questions

1. Review together the highlights of the Bride's journey through the first two chapters of the Song of Songs.
2. Why is disobedience more costly than obedience? Share a time when you experienced this.
3. What is the purpose of discipline?
4. What faith risk is Jesus calling you to in this season of your life?