

The Walk of Intimacy

Song of Solomon 2:8-17

1. Express Your Desire for Love, 2:8-14.

A. Say it with your Actions, 2:8-9---“*Listen! My beloved! Behold, he is coming, climbing on the mountains, Leaping on the hills! “My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Behold, he is standing behind our wall, He is looking through the windows, He is peering through the lattice.”*

Gary Chapman has written a book that has been read by millions of couples entitled *The 5 Love Languages*. He lists 5 primary love languages that speak to everyone.

- 1) Word of Affirmation
- 2) Quality Time
- 3) Gifts
- 4) Acts of Service
- 5) Physical Touch

B. Say it with your Eyes, 2:9---“*“My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Behold, he is standing behind our wall, He is looking through the windows, He is peering through the lattice.”*

C. Say it with your Words, 2:10---“*My beloved responded and said to me, ‘Arise, my darling, my beautiful one...’*

D. Say it with your Time, 2:10b-14---“*...And come along. ‘For behold, the winter is past, The rain is over and gone. ‘The flowers have already appeared in the land; The time has arrived for pruning the vines, And the voice of the turtledove has been heard in our land. ‘The fig tree has ripened its figs, And the vines in blossom have given forth their fragrance. Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, And come along! “O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, In the secret place of the steep pathway, Let me see your form, Let me hear your voice; For your voice is sweet, And your form is lovely.”*



2. Expect Some Dangers to Love, 2:15--- *“Catch the foxes for us, The little foxes that are ruining the vineyards, While our vineyards are in blossom.”*

A. Trouble in Marriage is Usually in the Small Things.

- 1) There needs to be a common commitment to rid the marriage of all of the small things that might sabotage love and fidelity--- *“Catch the little foxes for us.”*
- 2) Many teach that this is dealing with sexual temptation---Premarital sex.

Little Foxes:

- 1) Communication
- 2) Expectations
- 3) Role responsibilities
- 4) Finances
- 5) Sex & Children
- 6) In-laws
- 7) Aging Parents
- 8) Conflict Management
- 9) Faith

B. The Relationship of Marriage is a Uniquely Sensitive Thing--- *“While our vineyards are in blossom.”*

3. Enjoy the Delights of Love, 2:16-17.

A. Know That You Belong to Each Other, 2:16--- *“My beloved is mine, and I am his; He pastures his flock among the lilies.”*

My beloved is mine...speaks to exclusivity of marriage. It is a lifelong covenant that we make with each other. It means forsaking all others I cleave to you. We belong together.

He pastures his flock among the lilies...speaks of her security and trust in him. There is no fear, but a sense of belonging. She gives herself to this man emotionally now, physically later.

B. Know That You Want Each Other, 2:17--- *“Until the cool of the day when the shadows flee away, Turn, my beloved, and be like a gazelle Or a young stag on the mountains of Bethel.”*

