

Song of Solomon

Big Idea

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We kicked off a brand-new series this week titled **Song of Solomon**. Written by King Solomon, it's referred to as his "Song of songs", one of the 1,000 songs he wrote. Meaning it's his best one! It's a poetic drama written to his first wife. A picture of marriage and relationship done God's way. We believe that the Bible is the final authority on marriage and relationships.

Throughout this series we will discover God's way for approaching married life, singleness, and really, any and all relationships. Our prayer should be that in all our relationships we learn the art of loving well. We will see throughout this series that God's way is better than the world's way, and in this first message Pastor Curt lays the foundation of any relationship. Here is God's way: **1) Spiritual attraction** (love and worship God, pursue God given purpose, and have godly standards). **2) Emotional attraction** (value them, speak life, and think good things about them). **3) Physical attraction** (covered later in the series).

The first thing to take note of is the world's way is just the opposite. Culture today says it starts with physical attraction. Then if we get married, we may move into an emotional attraction. After we're married, we should probably find a church and work on this spiritual attraction stuff. The world approaches relationships like this. Don't believe the lie that God's way is an ideal that's impossible to live out. Remember, that in our brokenness and sin, when we were unfaithful and unattractive to God, He didn't say, "you have too many issues." Instead, he decided to love the unlovable. And because Jesus is my Lord, I now have the capacity to love the unlovable. As believers we cannot say that "we can't." We can!

Talk it Over

We are spiritual beings, having a temporary physical experience.

- Attraction should begin on a spiritual level. Ask yourself: How would I describe human love? How well do I love and worship God? Am I pursuing my God given purpose? Do I have godly standards?

If you don't like what you're seeing, listen to what you are saying.

- In your relationships are you valuing others and speaking life? What are some ways we can value others? What are some examples of speaking life?

You come to love not by finding the perfect person, but by seeing the imperfect person perfectly.

- Some say I feel like this type of love is unattainable. Think of what your life was like when God called you? Were you ever unattractive to God? What was God's response?

Prayer Focus

Father, thank you for loving us. Teach us to love your way. We come against the devil's lies and the world's standards. We commit to learning your will and your way for our relationships. Rescue marriages! Help us have godly standards! Remind us everyday that we can live and love like your Word teaches us.

Next Steps

Check out the Song of Solomon resource www.victorychurch.org/solomon. Be intentional throughout this series and take notes and journal about what the Lord is teaching you.

Leader Tip

Get on a team. Everybody needs to be needed. Let's bring our gift to the body of Christ and find purpose in fulfillment in working together for His glory.