

Song of Solomon

Big Idea

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I'm not going to make choices by the feelings I feel ...

I am going to make choices in the season I'm in!

Ground Rules: (powerful reminder from our pastor when studying this book)

Study and listen to this for you, and no one else.

Always filter all of this through the lens of your future, not the lens of your past.

This week Pastor Curt preached on a topic that unfortunately the Big C church has been too quiet on...

Godly Sex! It is vital that we understand and believe that God is the Creator, which includes sex. The devil didn't create sex, he stole a beautiful gift from God and perverted it. And the tragic outcome of the church being too silent on the topic of sex has led to confusion and perversion even in the mind of believers. Let's stand on truth and take back what the enemy has stolen. So what does godly sex look like? It starts with understanding that men and women are different. In marriage, we must learn to appreciate those differences and learn to serve one another, even in the bedroom. Some say, "men are about the destination and women are about the journey." It's best if both focus on the journey, then the destination is pleasing for both.

Godly sex is:

- Affirming (Words are important. One example: she needs to know what she means to him, and he needs to know what he does is noticed)
- Tender (Be sure to communicate so you're on the same page)
- Passionate (Be romantic! The devil will try to convince you God's way is boring. That's a lie!)
- Secure (My Spouse is my standard of beauty!! This brings security)
- Holy (Holiness is not for people who are perfect. It's for people who are forgiven.)

God has a standard:

Jesus died for the violation of it.

The Bible illuminates our life in that standard.

Holy Spirit empowers us to live in it.

Talk it Over

- We learned from Song of Solomon chapter 4 that Godly sex is affirming, tender, passionate, secure, and holy. Did any of those surprise you? Discuss this.
- "Marriage is about understanding each other and serving each other," PC said. Share your thoughts.
- The last area of Godly sex was holy? God does have a standard. None of us will meet this standard on our own. How does God make it possible for each of us to be holy now?

Prayer Focus

Father, Thank you for grace and thank you for making all things new.

Next Steps

Get into a Group. 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

Take some time to lead your group in prayer specifically for the relationships in your Small Group. Ask God to bless your relationships, and to protect against any attacks or temptations. Pray for unity, harmony, love, and lots of fun this semester!