

Well, this is a fun pivot!

Song of Solomon is probably the most misunderstood book yet. After Ecclesiastes wrestles with meaning, *Song of Solomon* moves into **romance, desire, covenant love, and celebration**. Many people either avoid it, over-spiritualize it, or reduce it to awkwardness. This week, let's engage it as **wisdom poetry about love, intimacy, commitment, and desire rightly ordered under God**.

Through vivid imagery, dialogue, longing, celebration, and commitment, *Song of Solomon* gives us a picture of love as God designed it—beautiful, powerful, joyful, and worth protecting.

This week, we're going to practice **reading poetry slowly**. Poetry is meant to be savored, not rushed. Instead of asking, "What happens next?" we'll ask:

- Who is speaking?
- What emotions are being expressed?
- What images are being used?
- What does this reveal about love, commitment, and God's design?

Grab your notebook and Bible, and let's get started.

Parents: *Song of Solomon* can feel intimidating for parents, but it offers helpful opportunities to talk with your kids and students about God's love for them, no matter what. [Parent Prompt](#)

Week 18 Memory Verse | Song of Solomon 8:7

Monday, May 4

Read: Song of Solomon 1:1–8

Reflect: One of the first things you notice in *Song of Solomon* is that different people are speaking:

- The woman
- The man
- The friends/community

This matters because poetry often communicates through dialogue rather than narrating events to tell a story.

Today, simply notice who is speaking and what they express. The woman opens with honesty, desire, vulnerability, and confidence. She wants closeness, but she also feels insecurity about how others perceive her.

That feels very familiar. Many people carry insecurity into relationships:

- How am I perceived?
- Am I enough?
- Am I lovable?

Song of Solomon shows that healthy love includes honesty about our insecurities—not pretending.

Act: Write down...

- One insecurity you've battled in relationships or friendships.
- One truth God says about your identity that speaks against that insecurity.

Pray: God, help me find my deepest identity in You—not in how others see me. Heal the insecurities and help me walk in healthy confidence. Amen.

Tuesday, May 5

Read: Song of Solomon 1:9–2:7

Reflect: This book is full of verbal affirmation. They notice one another. They express affection. They communicate value.

Healthy love speaks life. This isn't limited to marriage:

- Friendships need encouragement
- Families need affirmation
- Communities need life-giving words

Words can deepen relationships—or quietly starve them. Also notice the first of a repeated warning: “Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires.” Love is powerful and should be handled wisely.

Act: Send one sincere message of encouragement to someone today. Then reflect... Do your words regularly build others up?

Pray: Lord, help my words reflect love, honor, and wisdom. Teach me to build others up and handle affection responsibly. Amen.

Wednesday, May 6

Read: Song of Solomon 2:8–17

Reflect: This passage feels alive, almost like a movie montage. It contains:

- Movement
- Invitation
- Pursuit
- Delight

“Arise... come away...”

Love moves toward one another. Healthy relationships require intentional pursuit—not passive neglect.

Many relationships struggle not because of dramatic failure, but because of gradual distance.

The “little foxes” passage is especially powerful; small things can quietly damage something beautiful.

Small resentment. Small neglect. Small compromise. These things grow if left unaddressed.

Act: What “small fox” could damage one of my important relationships right now? Take one small step toward repair or intentional connection today. “Catch” them before ruin the relationship.

Pray: God, help me protect what matters most. Show me where neglect, bitterness, or distraction may be harming my relationships. Amen.

Thursday, May 7

Read: Song of Solomon 3:1-5

Reflect: This passage shifts suddenly and emotionally. Now we see longing, searching, and absence.

This reminds us that love includes seasons where things feel distant. You wonder what might be wrong, and if you're honest with yourself, you're scared to investigate.

That can apply relationally—but also spiritually. Have you ever felt distant from God?

Do you know what it feels like to long for closeness but feel distance?

Scripture regularly connects longing with spiritual maturity. Deep love creates deep desire for closeness. And in all cases, we need to remember and cling to what is true: God draws near to those that draw near to Him. (James 4:8)

Act: Complete this sentence, "God, lately I've felt distant from You because..."

Then spend quiet time simply being present with Him, knowing He is near.

Pray: Lord, deepen my desire for Your presence. Draw me closer and help me pursue intimacy with You intentionally. Amen.

Friday, May 8

Read: Song of Solomon 3:6–5:1

Reflect: Let's not pretend. This section celebrates covenant commitment and marital intimacy. This shouldn't surprise us or cause us to feel ashamed or embarrassed reading it.

Scripture presents physical intimacy as:

- Good
- Celebratory
- Protected by and reserved for covenant commitment

This stands in contrast to how culture treats intimacy so casually; as something that meets my needs and tries to minimize the damage it leaves in its wake.

Instead, God designed intimacy to flourish inside a relationship built on trust, commitment, and self-giving love. Whether single or married, this passage teaches us to honor God's design.

For singles: Patience and purity matter.

For married couples: Intentionally pursuing intimacy matters.

For everyone: People are never objects that serve my wants and needs.

Act: How can I better honor God's design for relationships and intimacy in my current season? Write one practical response.

Pray: God, Thank You for designing love with beauty and purpose. Help me honor You in my relationships and desires. Amen.

Saturday, May 9 – Sunday, May 10

Read: Song of Solomon 8:5–14; Ephesians 5:25–32

Reflect: The book ends with enduring love: “Love is as strong as death...”

This points beyond romance toward covenant faithfulness. Human love is beautiful—but imperfect.

Ultimately, marriage points beyond itself to Christ and His Church. Jesus demonstrates perfect covenant love:

- Faithful
- Sacrificial
- Intentional
- Secure
- True

Every earthly relationship is meant to reflect something greater about God’s love.

That gives the reality of Song of Solomon another layer; it celebrates human love, while pointing toward divine love.

Act: Write:

- What real love looks like
- What counterfeit love looks like

Then thank Jesus for His *perfect* love toward you.

Pray: Jesus, Thank You for loving me perfectly and faithfully. Teach me to love others in ways that reflect Your covenant love. Amen.