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Sweet to my Taste (SOS 1:8 – 2:7)

Married Couples:

- What surprises you about this conversation between Solomon and his bride?
- What does “Engedi (your oasis)” look like for you?
- How do friends influence relationships?
- What undermines intimacy between husbands and wives?
- How does our walk with Christ affect our relationship with our spouse?

Wives:

- What does “Engedi (your oasis)” look like for you?
- How do your friends affect your relationship with your husband?
- How do your husband’s compliments effect you?
- What emotions are present when you read about Solomon relaxing on the coach?
- When do you enjoy rest with your husband?

Personal Homework:

- Discuss your love language with your husband.
- Ask your husband about his “Engedi”.
- Plan a date night where you provide the closest thing you can to his idea of “Engedi”.
- Discuss intimate experiences you would like to have with your husband.
- Find time to enjoy rest with your husband this week.

Husbands:

- How do your actions and words verify or deny that your wife is a priority to you?
- In what areas do you need to give more attention to your wife?
- What generally keeps your from gushing to your wife?
- How is the call to be a provider for you wife challenge you?
- What does it look like for you to be a banner for your wife?

Personal Homework:

- Discuss your love language with your wife.
- Ask your wife about her “Engedi”.
- Plan a date night where you provide the closest thing you can to her idea of “Engedi”.
- Discuss intimate experiences you would like to have with your wife.
- Make a list of all the things your love about your wife.
- Show her the list.



Single Folks:

What can you learn about marriage through this interaction?

How do your actions today affect your marriage in the future?

In verse 2:7 the woman encourages the women of Jerusalem not to “awaken love until it pleases”:

Considering the context, why do you think she takes the time to make this plea?

How do you think experiencing marital intimacy before you are married will affect your future marriage?

How do you think it will affect your enjoyment of marital intimacy?

What is your natural response to this statement?

How does your obedience to this statement reflect your submission to the authority of scripture?

Women:

What does it look like to protect intimacy for your future husband today?

How are you preparing for covenant with a spouse? How does sin undermine that?

Do your friends encourage you to holiness or sin?

How is asking when is time different then asking how far can we go?

Personal Homework:

Spend time in prayer and meditation on verse 2:7.

Journal how you are going to prepare today for a covenant tomorrow.

Men:

How are you protecting your sisters by not awaking love before its time?

How is asking when is time different then asking how far can we go?

How are you preparing for covenant with a spouse? How does sin undermine that?

What are you doing today to be prepared to provide for a family?

What does it look like to be banner for your wife before you are married or have eve met her?

Personal Homework:

Spend time in prayer and meditation on verse 2:7.

Write out a plan for how you are going be a provider and a banner when you meet your wife.

LEADER NOTE: *As we begin this series it is important for us to take some time to think about the make up of our group and consider the appropriate setting for the discussion. Depending on who is in the group it may be appropriate to spit the discussion by gender or marital status. Some times it will be healthy to discuss questions as a group and divide up for deeper conversation. The curriculum will be written into sections to help facilitate variation in group discussion. Leaders should consider the content and the context each week as we work through this rich and wonderful book of Scripture.*