



**Week 9**

**Do Not Awaken Love**

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**Married Couples:**

What is the difference between an inability to be close and an unwillingness to be close?

What are some ways you can communicate your love and longing for each other when you're unable to be close?

How do your single friends encourage you toward godly relationships?

Who in your life do you have to encourage you in your marriage?

What are the consequences of "awakening love" too early that you need to deal with as a couple?

Verses 6-7 describe 7 attributes of love (personal, passionate, protective, powerful, possessive, priceless, persevering):

How are these attributes expressed in your marriage?

In which of these attributes does your marriage need to grow in order to better reflect God's love?

**Personal Homework:**

Take some time this week to recount the story of your relationship. Tell each other your favorite memories.

***Wives:***

Tell your husband what you enjoy, and how he can be more of a servant lover to you.

Ask your husband what he enjoys, and ask him how you can be more of a servant lover to him.

***Husbands:***

Ask your wife what she enjoys, and how you can be more of a servant lover to her.

Tell your wife what you enjoy, and how she can be more of a servant lover to you.

**Single Folks:**

Who do you have in your life who can encourage you toward godly relationships?

How is your life a godly or ungodly example for younger Christians to emulate?

What are you doing to "awaken love" before its time?

Is there an obstacle that is holding you back from taking steps toward marriage?

Verses 6-7 describe 7 attributes of love (personal, passionate, protective, powerful, possessive, priceless, persevering):

Do you see these attributes of love expressed to you in your relationship with God?

How can a deeper understanding of God's love build a solid foundation for a current or future relationship?

Are you looking for these attributes of love in someone other than God?

**Personal Homework:**

Take some time this week to recount the story of your relationship with God. How have you seen the 7 attributes of love expressed toward you?