

Message Notes

The Progression of Love

Introduction – “The Drama of the Facebook Relationship Status...”

The Progression so far in SoS:

Attraction
Counsel
Doubt
DTR
Passion and Purity

Definition of Progression in a FB world:

“We’re just hanging out”
A Date
DTR
Dating
FB Relationship status change
Proposal
Engagement
Marriage
Happily Ever After

This Week: The Progression of Love

A Lover’s Call

Song of Solomon 2:8-9

The Proposal, part 1 (Come with me – it will be beautiful)

Song of Solomon 2:10-13a

The Proposal, part 2 (Come with me – I deeply desire communion with you)

Song of Solomon 2:13b-14

Catch the Foxes

Song of Solomon 2:15

Her answer!

Song of Solomon 2:16-17

Look at how far this woman has progressed!

Song of Solomon 1:4

1:5-6

2:1-2

Application – Do you love beauty, communion, and commitment?

Ephesians 5:25-33

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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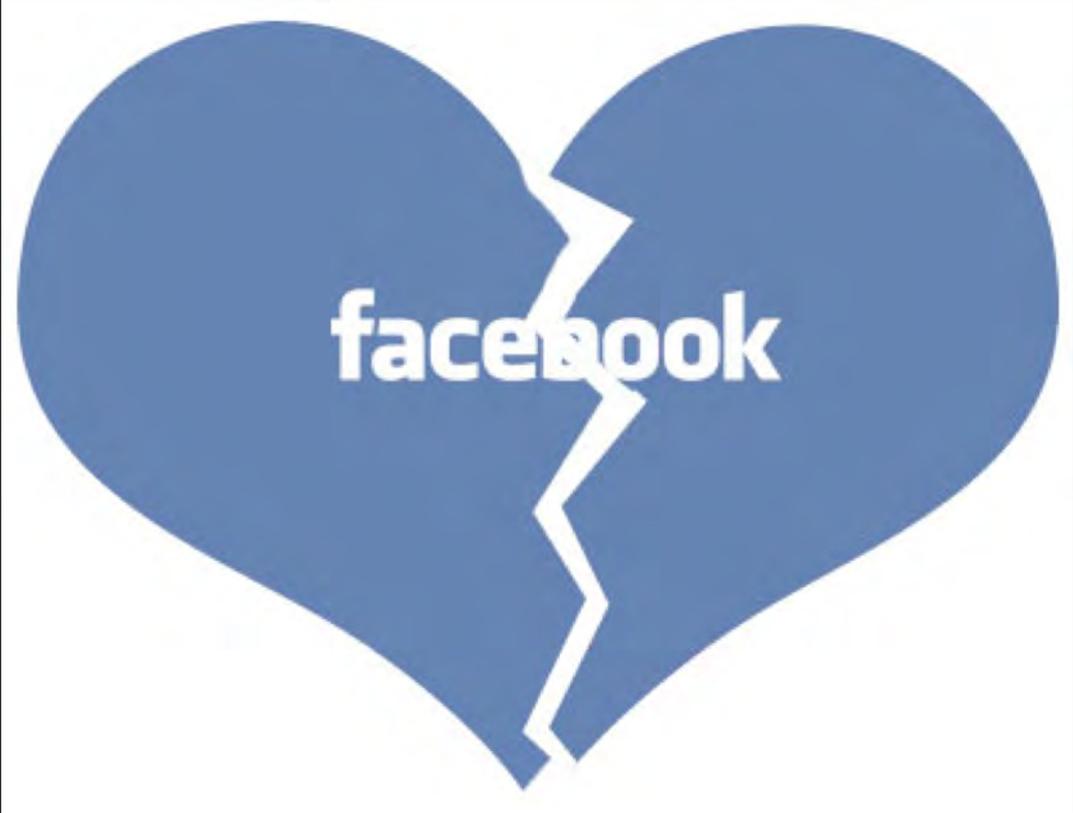
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Genesis 2:22-25 (please use a pew Bible)

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Song of Solomon 1:2-4a

²Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth —
for your love is more delightful than wine.

³Pleasing is the fragrance of your perfumes;
your name is like perfume poured out.

No wonder the maidens love you!

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Let the king bring me into his chambers.

Counsel



Dear Abby

Counsel

Song of Solomon 1:4b

We rejoice and delight in you;
we will praise your love more than wine.

Doubt



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Song of Solomon 1:4b

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Pursuit



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⁸If you do not know, most beautiful of women,
follow the tracks of the sheep
and graze your young goats
by the tents of the shepherds.

“The DTR”

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Define the Relationship

“The DTR”

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Passion and Purity



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Song of Solomon 2:7

⁷Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you
by the gazelles and by the does of the field:
Do not arouse or awaken love
until it so desires.

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Genesis 2:22-25

²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³ The man said,

“This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called ‘woman,’
for she was taken out of man.”

²⁴ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. ²⁵ The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

The Proposal, pt 2 -

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“The foxes represent as many obstacles or temptations as have plagued lovers throughout the centuries. Perhaps it is the fox of uncontrolled desire which drives a wedge of guilt between a couple. Perhaps it is the fox of mistrust and jealousy which breaks the bond of love. Or it may be the fox of selfishness and pride which refuses to let one acknowledge his fault to another. Or it may be an unforgiving spirit which will not accept the apology of the other. These foxes have been ruining vineyards for years and the end of their work is not in sight”

~ S. Craig Glickman, *A Song for Lovers*, pp. 49-50

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⁶Do not stare at me because I am dark,
because I am darkened by the sun.
My mother's sons were angry with me
and made me take care of the vineyards;
my own vineyard I have neglected.

Look how far she has come

Song of Solomon 2:1-2

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Commitment?

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