

Message Notes

Love vrs. Lust

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – “Flow Chart Dating!”

Where we’ve come from so far:

Courtship – Song of Solomon 1:3-4a, 1:9

The Proposal – Song of Solomon 2:10-14

Her Answer – Song of Solomon 2:8-16

This week’s message: What’s the difference between Love and Lust?

Song of Solomon 3:1-5

Three ways to interpret

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Putting the bakes on

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What’s the difference between loving passion and out of control lust and obsession?

A look at Proverbs 7

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Application – The apostle Paul’s three ways to become a lover

1 Corinthians 6:12-7:9

1. Renew your mind. Sex is way more than just a feeling or an act.
2. Flee lust. Honor God with your body.
3. Get married and have great sex. It is worth the wait.

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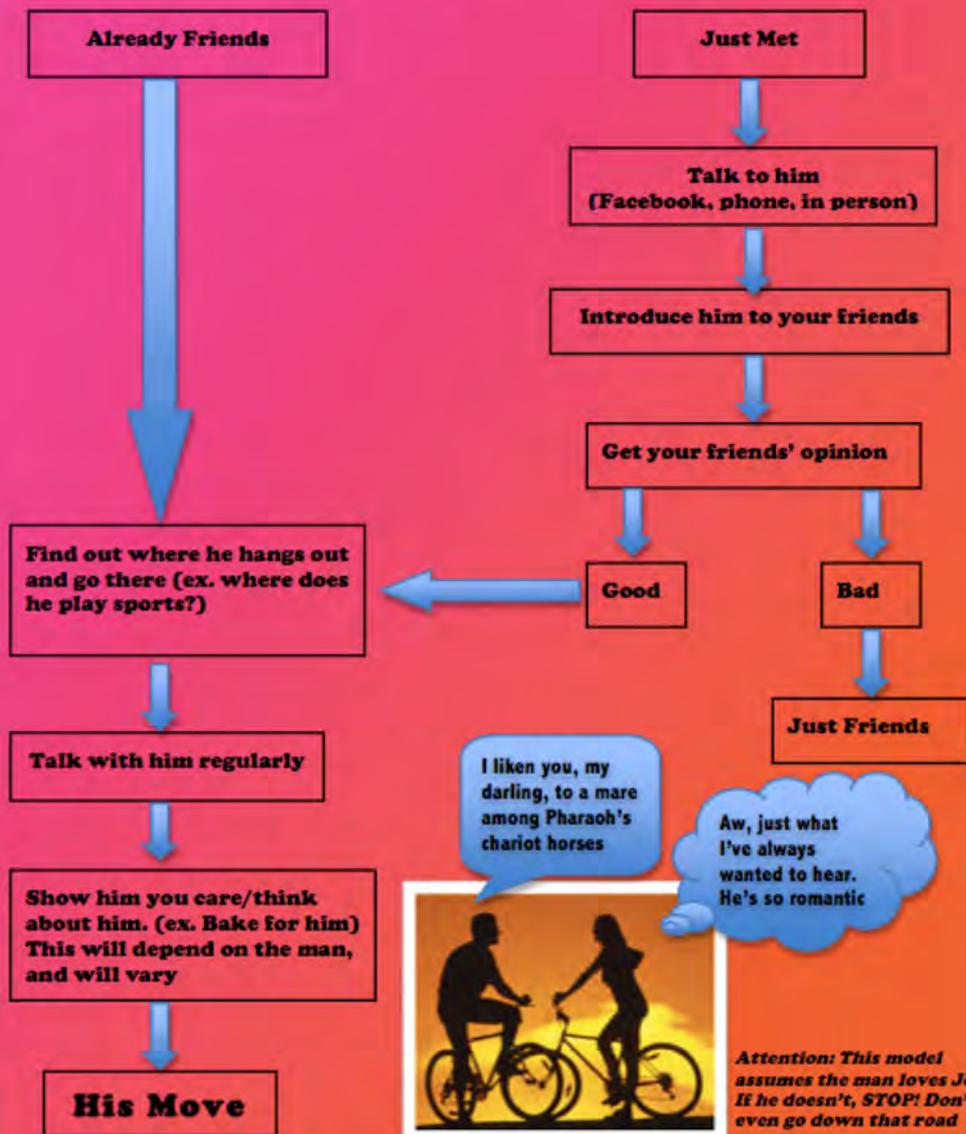


SONG OF SOLOMON

DATING. MARRIAGE. SEX. ROMANCE. GOD.

I'm interested in a guy... What do I do now?

Do you want to have a healthy, Biblical, marriage relationship with a man like the one in Song of Solomon? (I hope so. Have you read it? Some of it is... he he he) Well, here's a simple flow chart to help you in your quest for love, and help you develop a Biblical way of pursuing a relationship, i.e. "... follow the tracks of the sheep and graze your young goats by the tents of the shepherds." (Song of Solomon 1:8)



I liken you, my darling, to a mare among Pharaoh's chariot horses

Aw, just what I've always wanted to hear. He's so romantic



Attention: This model assumes the man loves Jesus. If he doesn't, STOP! Don't even go down that road

Song of Solomon 1:2-4a

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

No wonder the maidens love you!

⁴Take me away with you – let us hurry!
Let the king bring me into his chambers.

Song of Solomon 1:9

⁹I liken you, my darling, to a mare
harnessed to one of the chariots of Pharaoh.

*The Proposal, pt 1 -
“Come with me! It’ll be beautiful!”*

Song of Solomon 2:10-13a

¹⁰My lover spoke and said to me,
“Arise, my darling,
my beautiful one, and come with me.

¹¹See! The winter is past;
the rains are over and gone.

¹²Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves
is heard in our land.

¹³The fig tree forms its early fruit;
the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.

The Proposal, pt 2 -

“I deeply desire communion with you”

Song of Solomon 2:13b-14

Arise, come, my darling;
my beautiful one, come with me.”

¹⁴My dove in the clefts of the rock,
in the hiding places on the mountainside,
show me your face,
let me hear your voice;
for your voice is sweet,
and your face is lovely.

Her Answer!

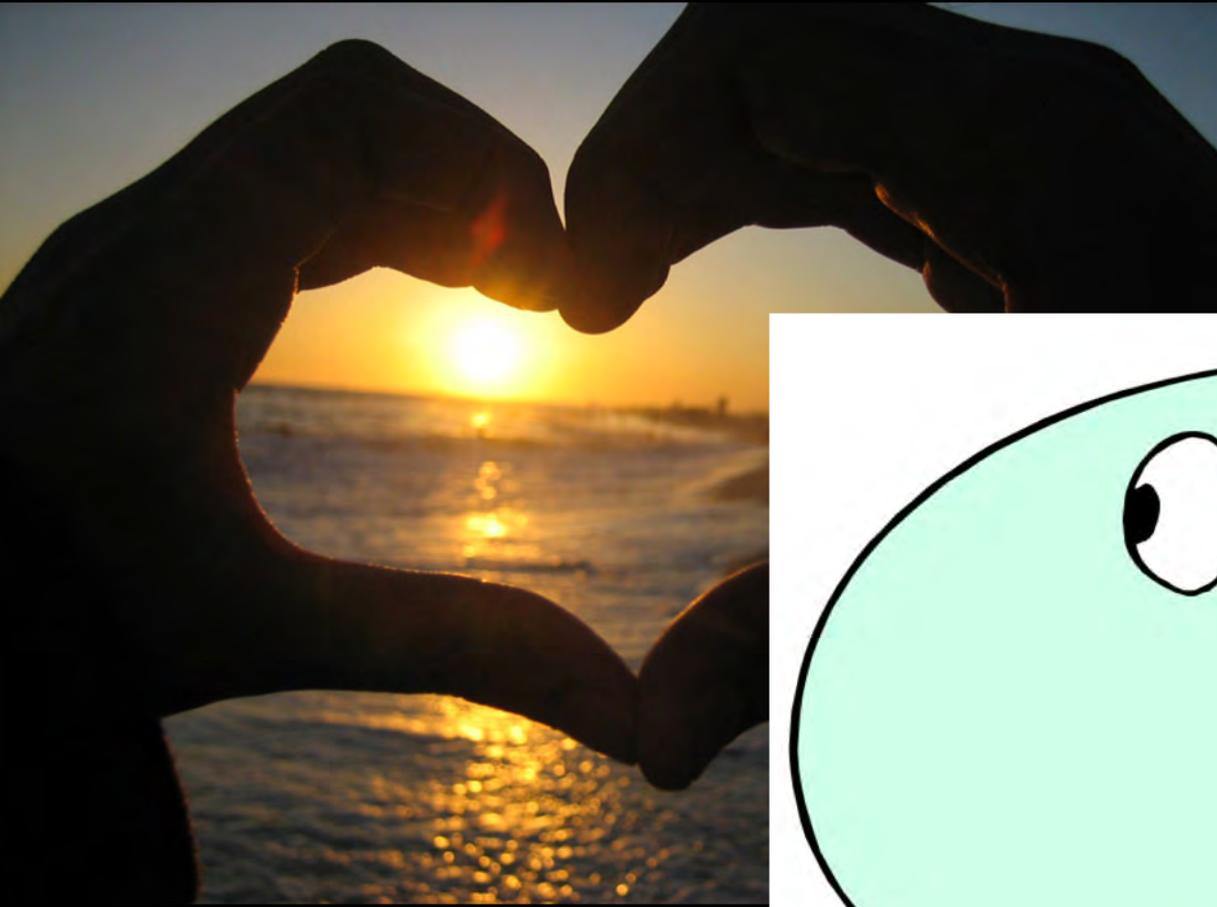
Song of Solomon 2:16

¹⁶My lover is mine and I am his;
he browses among the lilies.

Love



Love or Lust?



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We've seen this before!

Song of Solomon 2:6-7

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A look at full blow lust:

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Proverbs 7

¹My son, keep my words
and store up my commands within you.

²Keep my commands and you will live;
guard my teachings as the apple of your eye.

³Bind them on your fingers;
write them on the tablet of your heart.

⁴Say to wisdom, “You are my sister,”
and call understanding your kinsman;

⁵they will keep you from the adulteress,
from the wayward wife with her seductive words.

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Proverbs 7

⁶At the window of my house
I looked out through the lattice.

⁷I saw among the simple,
I noticed among the young men,
a youth who lacked judgment.

⁸He was going down the street near her corner,
walking along in the direction of her house

⁹at twilight, as the day was fading,
as the dark of night set in.

A look at full blow lust:

Proverbs 7

¹⁰Then out came a woman to meet him,
dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent.

¹¹(She is loud and defiant,

her feet never stay at home;

¹²now in the street, now in the squares,
at every corner she lurks.)

¹³She took hold of him and kissed him
and with a brazen face she said:

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¹⁴“I have fellowship offerings at home;
today I fulfilled my vows.

¹⁵So I came out to meet you;
I looked for you and have found you!

¹⁶I have covered my bed
with colored linens from Egypt.

¹⁷I have perfumed my bed
with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon.

A look at full blow lust:

Proverbs 7

¹⁸“Come, let’s drink deep of love till morning;
let’s enjoy ourselves with love!

¹⁹My husband is not at home;
he has gone on a long journey.

²⁰He took his purse filled with money
and will not be home till full moon.”

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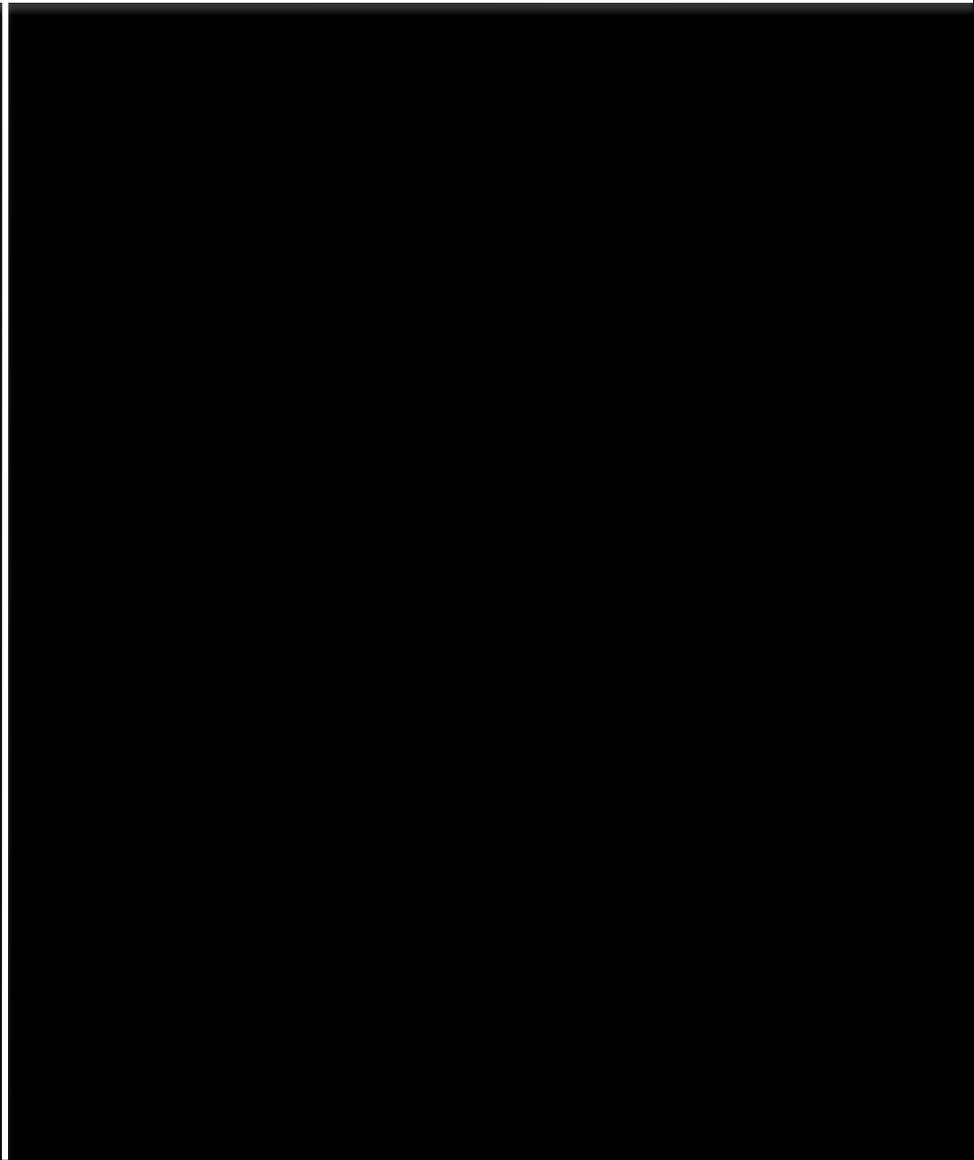
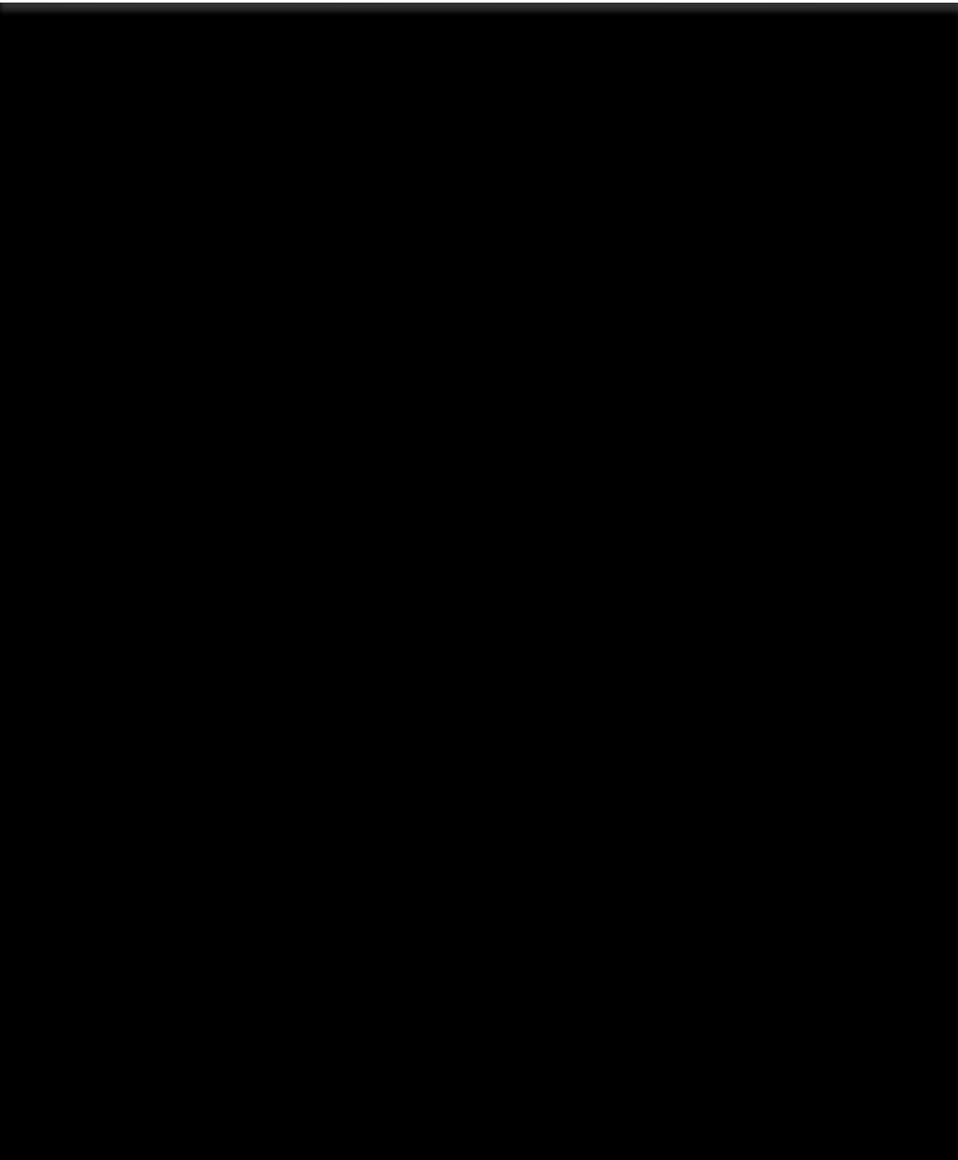
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Application

The apostle Paul's three ways to becoming a lover and not a luster

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