

## Message Notes

### Reconciliation

## Scripture Passages

(taken from the Revised Standard Version)

Introduction – “Fighting and making up”

Highlights from the fight  
(Song of Solomon, chapter 5)

### This week: Reconciliation Song of Solomon 6:1-13

Everything seems fine – Wait, what!  
Song of Solomon 6:1-3

How do they get here?

1. Choose to see each other's beauty  
Song of Solomon 5:16 & 6:4

2. Reflect on their wedding day  
Song of Solomon 6:5-7

3. Celebrate the other's one-of-a-kind-ness  
Song of Solomon 6:8-10 & 5:16

4. Move towards each other selflessly  
Song of Solomon 6:11-13

So how do we do this?

First be reconciled to God  
2 Corinthians 5:17

Then be reconciled to each other:  
1. Choose to see each other's beauty  
2 Corinthians 3:18 & 4:5-7

2. Reflect on our “wedding day”  
Isaiah 62:5 & Revelation 21:1-4

3. Celebrate each other's one-of-a-kind-ness  
1 Corinthians 12:12-10

4. Move towards each other in Christ  
Romans 5:6-11

Application –  
God has paved the way for true reconciliation:  
How will you respond?

Song of Solomon 6:1-13

<sup>6:1</sup>Where has your beloved gone, O most beautiful among women? Where has your beloved turned, that we may seek him with you?

<sup>2</sup>My beloved has gone down to his garden to the beds of spices, to graze in the gardens and to gather lilies.

<sup>3</sup>I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine; he grazes among the lilies.

<sup>4</sup>You are beautiful as Tirzah, my love, lovely as Jerusalem, awesome as an army with banners. <sup>5</sup>Turn away your eyes from me, for they overwhelm me— Your hair is like a flock of goats leaping down the slopes of Gilead. <sup>6</sup>Your teeth are like a flock of ewes that have come up from the washing; all of them bear twins; not one among them has lost its young. <sup>7</sup>Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate behind your veil. <sup>8</sup>

There are sixty queens and eighty concubines, and virgins without number. <sup>9</sup>My dove, my perfect one, is the only one, the only one of her mother, pure to her who bore her. The young women saw her and called her blessed; the queens and concubines also, and they praised her.

<sup>10</sup>“Who is this who looks down like the dawn, beautiful as the moon, bright as the sun, awesome as an army with banners?”

<sup>11</sup>I went down to the nut orchard to look at the blossoms of the valley, to see whether the vines had budded, whether the pomegranates were in bloom.

<sup>12</sup>Before I was aware, my desire set me among the chariots of my kinsman, a prince.

<sup>13</sup>Return, return, O Shulammite, return, return, that we may look upon you.

Why should you look upon the Shulammite, as upon a dance before two armies?

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.







# SONG OF SOLOMON

DATING. MARRIAGE. SEX. ROMANCE. GOD.





# HIGHLIGHTS



# The Request

**Song of Solomon 5:2**

“Open to me, my sister, my darling,  
my dove, my flawless one.

My head is drenched with dew,  
my hair with the dampness of the night.”

# The Request

# The Answer

**Song of Solomon 5:3**

<sup>3</sup>I have taken off my robe —  
must I put it on again?  
I have washed my feet —  
must I soil them again?

# The Request The Answer The Demand

**Song of Solomon 5:4**

<sup>4</sup>My lover thrust his hand through the latch-opening;  
my heart began to pound for him.



The Request  
The Answer  
The Demand  
The Change of Mind

Song of Solomon 5:5

<sup>5</sup>I arose to open for my lover,  
and my hands dripped with myrrh,  
my fingers with flowing myrrh,  
on the handles of the lock.

The Request  
The Answer  
The Demand  
The Change of Mind  
Opportunity Lost

Song of Solomon 5:6

<sup>6</sup>I opened for my lover,  
but my lover had left; he was gone.  
My heart sank at his departure.  
I looked for him but did not find him.  
I called him but he did not answer.

# The 15<sup>th</sup> Round

## Song of Solomon 5:8-9

“<sup>8</sup> I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,  
if you find my beloved,  
that you tell him  
I am sick with love.”

<sup>9</sup> “What is your beloved more than another beloved,  
O most beautiful among women?  
What is your beloved more than another beloved,  
that you thus adjure us?”

# The 15<sup>th</sup> Round

## Song of Solomon 5:16

“<sup>16</sup> His mouth is most sweet,  
and he is altogether desirable.  
This is my beloved and this is my friend,  
O daughters of Jerusalem.”



# Song of Solomon, Chapter 6 - Time to kiss and make up!



# The Friends' Change of Heart

## Song of Solomon 6:1

“<sup>1</sup> Where has your beloved gone,  
O most beautiful among women?  
Where has your beloved turned,  
that we may seek him with you?”

# Her response to their offer of help

## Song of Solomon 6:2-3

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to the beds of spices,  
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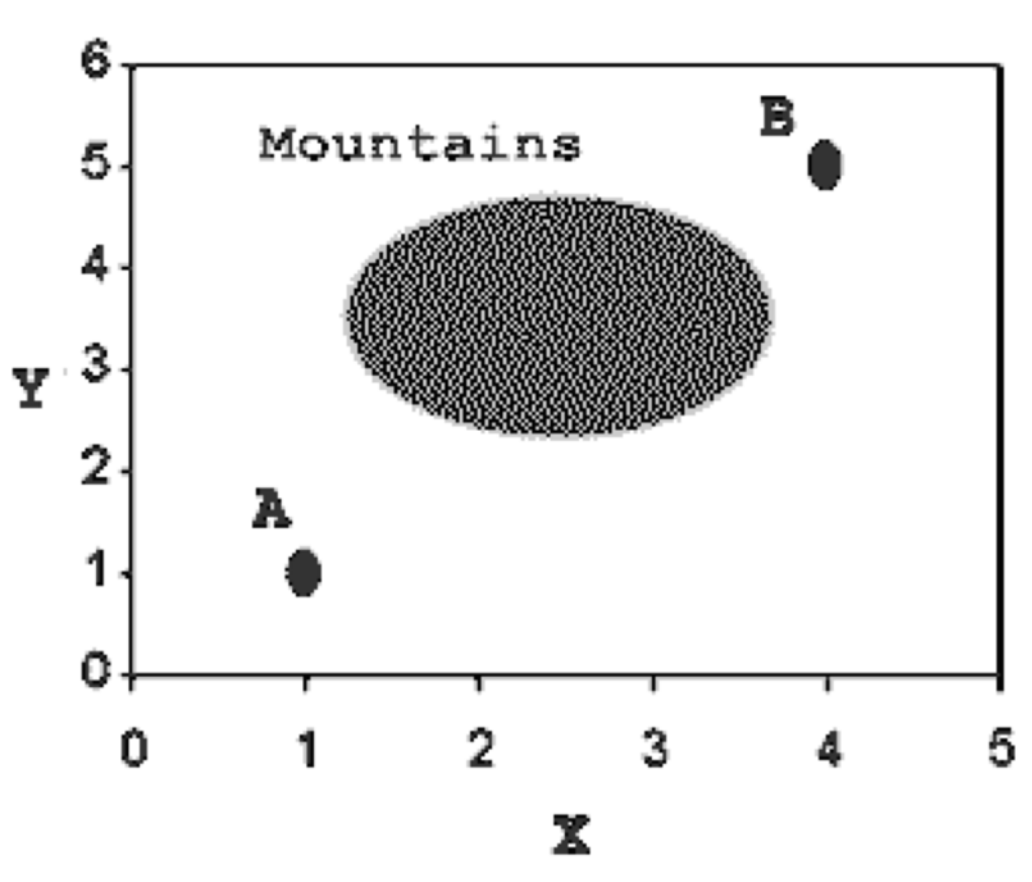
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**"Conflict? What conflict?"**



# Filling in the white spaces...

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## 1. Choose to see each other's beauty

**Song of Solomon 6:4**

“<sup>4</sup> You are beautiful as Tirzah, my love,  
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## 2. Reflect on their wedding day

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### **Song of Solomon 4:1**

“Behold, you are beautiful, my love,  
behold, you are beautiful!  
Your eyes are doves  
behind your veil.”

### **Song of Solomon 4:9**

“You have captivated my heart, my sister, my bride;  
you have captivated my heart  
with one glance of your eyes”

### **Song of Solomon 6:5**

“Turn away your eyes from me,  
for they overwhelm me”

# How do they get here?

## 3. Celebrate their one-of-a-kind-ness

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## 4. Move towards each other selflessly

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“Why should you look upon the Shulammite,  
as upon a dance before two armies?”

So how do *we* do this?

How do *we* find reconciliation?

# First, be reconciled to God

## 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Then be reconciled to each other**



# Then be reconciled to each other

## 1. Choose to see each other's beauty

### 2 Corinthians 3:18, 4:5-7

<sup>18</sup> And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit...<sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

# Then be reconciled to each other

## 2. Reflect on our “wedding day”

### Revelation 21:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

# **Then be reconciled to each other**

## **3. Celebrate each other's one-of-a-kind-ness**

### **1 Corinthians 12:12-20**

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

# Then be reconciled to each other

## 3. Celebrate each other's one-of-a-kind-ness

### 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

<sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

# Then be reconciled to each other

## 4. Move towards each other in Christ

### Romans 5:6-10

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

# Application:

God has paved the way for true  
reconciliation...

How will you respond?