

Message Notes

The Power of Love

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – “The Power of Love”

Where we’ve come so far:

Interest, DTR, Courtship, Proposal,
Engagement, Wedding, Wedding Night
Fight! Reconciliation, Restoration, Retreat

This week: The Power of Love

[or, Why not to Awaken Love Early!]

Song of Solomon 8:4-7

The Warning (AGAIN!)

Song of Solomon 8:4

The Return from Vacation

Song of Solomon 8:5a

What they have made it through:

1. Her insecurity
2. Family Dysfunction
3. The “Little Foxes”
4. Selfishness and Conflict

The Birth of their Love

Song of Solomon 8:5b

Renewing their Vows

Song of Solomon 6:6a

Why should you protect Marriage Love?

Song of Solomon 6:6b-7

1. Because it is as strong as death
2. Jealousy is as severe as the grave
3. It is like a blazing fire
4. Strong as the Fire of the Lord
5. It is unquenchable
6. It is Precious - You can’t buy love

Gospel Application – “You are that loved...”

Ephesians 5:25-27

Song of Solomon 8:4-7

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Psalms 89:48

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The Restoration



The Retreat



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The Power of Love

[AND The Danger of Early Awakened Love]



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Song of Solomon 2:7

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WHY?

The Return from Vacation

Song of Solomon 8:5a

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leaning on her lover?

Last time we saw this imagery

Song of Solomon 3:6

⁶Who is this coming up from the desert
like a column of smoke,
perfumed with myrrh and incense
made from all the spices of the merchant?

What adversities have they overcome?

1. Her insecurity

Song of Solomon 1:5-6a

⁵Dark am I, yet lovely, O daughters of Jerusalem,
dark like the tents of Kedar,
like the tent curtains of Solomon.

⁶Do not stare at me because I am dark,
because I am darkened by the sun.

What adversities have they overcome?

2. Family Dysfunction

Song of Solomon 1:6b

^{6b}My mother's sons were angry with me
and made me take care of the vineyards;
my own vineyard I have neglected.

What adversities have they overcome?

3. The “Little Foxes”

Song of Solomon 2:15

¹⁵Catch for us the foxes,
the little foxes
that ruin the vineyards,
our vineyards that are in bloom.

What adversities have they overcome?

4. Selfishness and Conflict

Song of Solomon 5:2-16

²I slept but my heart was awake.

Listen! My lover is knocking:

“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 “Birth” of their love

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The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard or can injure children. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the 30 percent decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

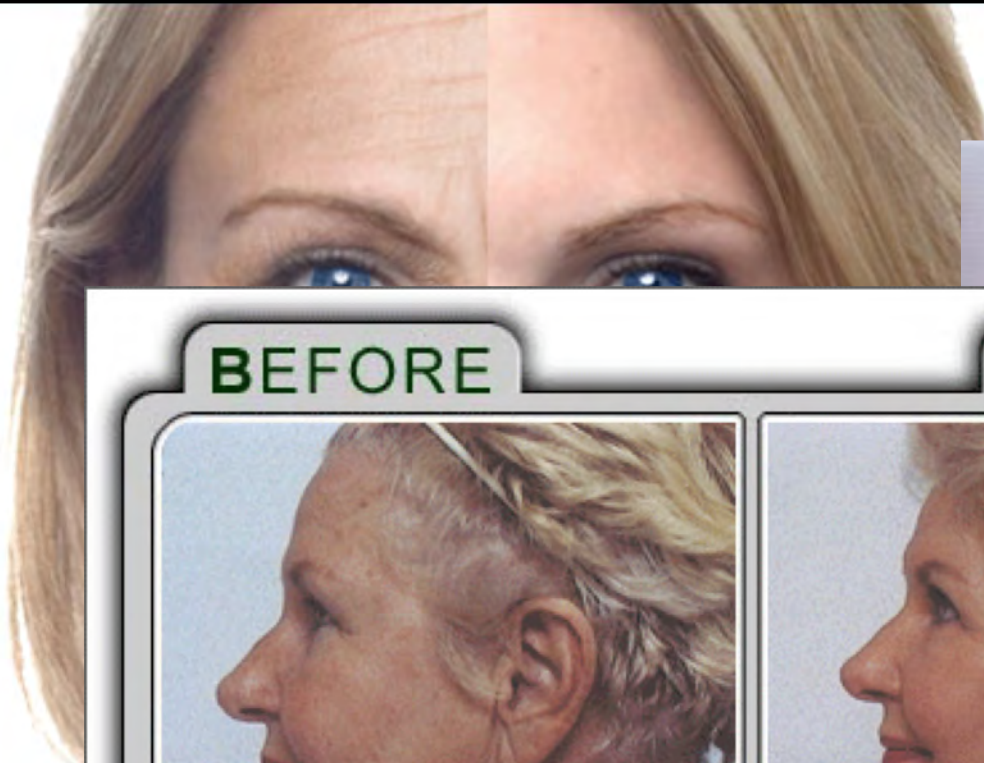
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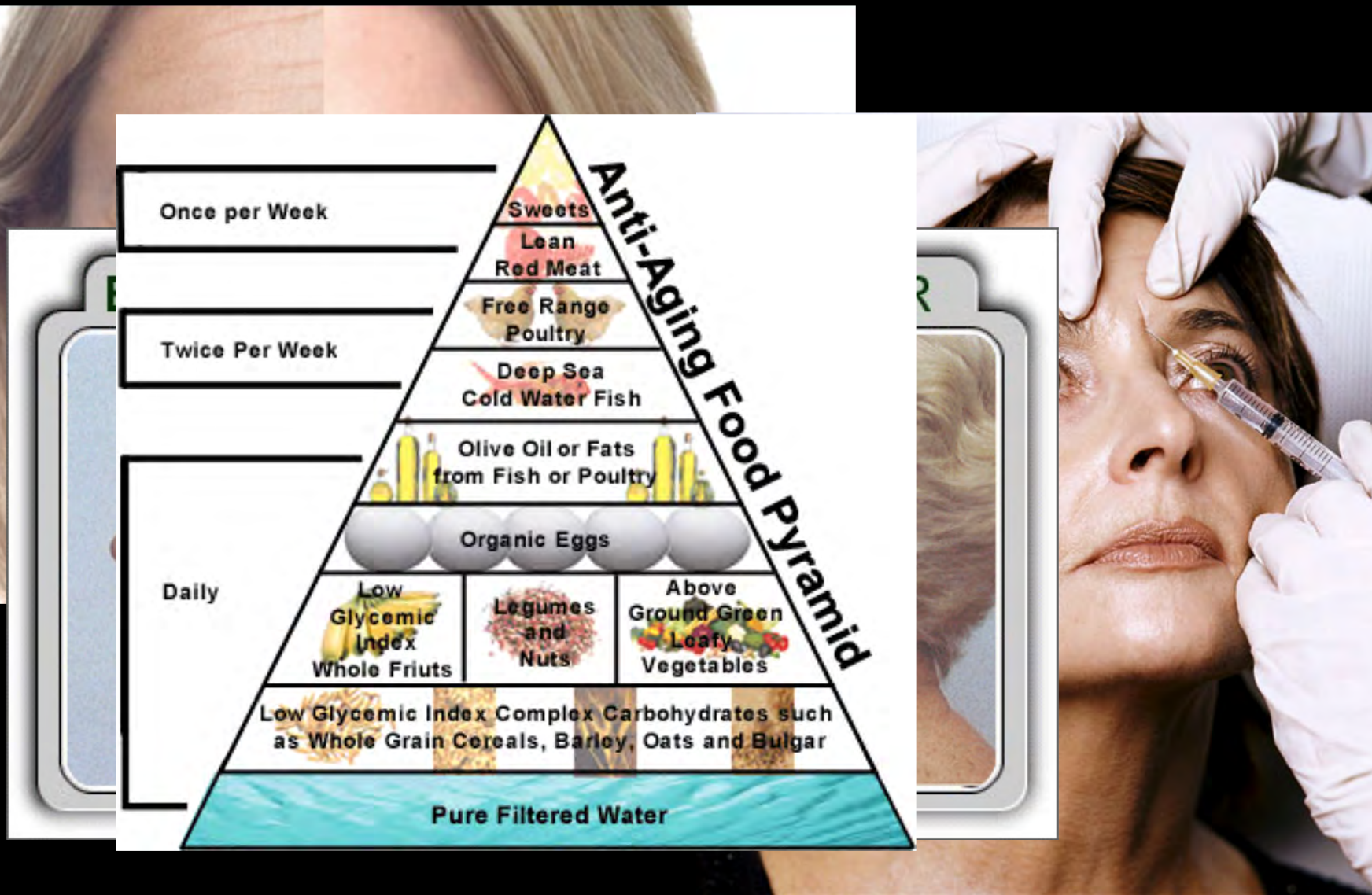
BEFORE



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How we try to cheat death?



Death consumes us.

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Love is just as strong...

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2. Jealousy is as severe as the grave

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-noun, plural -ous · ies

DEFINITION:

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“He that is not jealous
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~ St. Augustine

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Gospel Application:

**2. Do you protect
Marriage Love?**



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