



# HEARD IT IN A LOVE SONG

Studies in Song of Solomon

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## The Morning After

### Introduction to Song of Solomon 5:2-8:14

In 1972 Maureen McGovern sang the theme song to “The Poseidon Adventure” which described the determination to survive another day by the passengers of the capsized S.S. Poseidon. The song, “The Morning After” said optimistically that “there’s got to be a morning after” if they could hold on through the night. This is so much like the picture of marriage presented in the last section of the Song of Solomon. These two lovers had courted each other, had gotten married, and then experienced “the morning after”, when the honeymoon was over. Chapter five records an event that is common to all marriages when one of the spouses does not want to be inconvenienced by the other, even if for a good reason. The wife was sleeping lightly when her husband who had been away knocked

on the door. She didn’t want to get out of bed and for a while wrestled with her selfishness. She finally got up to let him in and he was gone. Feeling remorse for rejecting him she left her house and began to search for him. As she did she was treated roughly in the dark of the night. This experience revealed to her how much she loved him. This led to a resolution of their conflict and a renewal of their love. While it is tempting to simply avoid each other until the storm passes, it is so important to seek one another out so that the conflict can be processed. In this situation it appears that the woman acknowledged her selfishness, even though the husband had been late coming home from work. He later explains the cause for his delay—he had gone down to inspect his vineyard,



**Our hearts should break with God’s over our sin.**

but when he did he was caught by others’ demands on his royal time. The conflict and their time apart had renewed their mutual love which they again expressed both verbally and physically. As they reflected on the process of resolution they were able to conclude that love had indeed reawakened. This led Solomon to describe love’s strength and value and to affirm the importance of waiting until marriage to give oneself to another. With such an exclusive commitment when there’s a conflict there’s got to be the morning after.

#### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

## Daily Study Questions for Song of Solomon 5:2-8:14

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to [www.celebrationnet.com](http://www.celebrationnet.com), small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Song of Solomon 5:2-8. When the husband knocked, how did his wife respond (v2, 4)? Why (v3)? How did she react after he left (v5-8)? What does this teach us?</p>	
<p>2. From 5:9-16 list the many ways the wife describes her husband (v10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16)? How do you think this relates to the previous episode in 5:2-8?</p>	
<p>3. In 6:1-3 what did the wife decide about where her husband had been (v1-2)? What conclusion had she come to about their relationship (v3)?</p>	

## Song of Solomon 5:2-8:14 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From 6:4-10 and 6:13-7:6 name the many ways that Solomon describes his wife. Which of these are new descriptions compared to 4:1-7? What does this imply?

5. Using 6:11-12 where had the husband apparently been before he came home that night (described in 5:2-8)? How does this illuminate the process that led to the first conflict in 5:2-8?

6. In 7:7-13 what indicates that the couple has resolved their conflict (v6-9, 10-13)?

7. According to 8:1-5 what is the desire of the wife now (v1-2, 3) and with what attitude does she express this (v4)? What is her husband's part in this awakening (v5)? Apply.

8. Read 8:6-7. Identify and explain the characteristics or effects of love in these verses. How can this be applied to our relationship with God?

9. Based on 8:8-9 what do the sister's brothers pledge to do for her if she is a "wall" (v9)? What if she is a "door" (v9)? What is the lesson here?

10. Looking at 8:10-14 how does Solomon's bride demonstrate good boundaries (v10, 11-12)? In what did this result (v10, 13-14)?

11. Think about the beginning and ongoing aspects of love. What is the same and what is different? Name some things we must be willing to do for true love to keep growing.

### Scripture to Remember

*"Many waters cannot quench love, nor will rivers overflow it; if a man were to give all the riches of his house for love, it would be utterly despised."*

**Song of Solomon 8:7 (NAS)**

### Celebration Fellowship

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### Life Group Questions—Don't Get Robbed (Col 3:1-11)

*(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. What would you have been voted "most likely to \_\_\_\_\_" in high school? How has that been fulfilled in your life? Why do we tend to live up to such projections?
2. Read Col 3:1-4. What picture of our future should affect our lives as Christians? How can we keep our focus on eternity with Christ, rather than just life now?
3. What does it mean that people view their past as either an explanation or an excuse? How does your past affect you today (get personal)?
4. What has Christ done about our past, and how can we apply that to our lives? Be specific.
5. Look at 3:8-10. Pick out some attitudes here that you need to stop and share with the group. What is the answer to stopping these sins (v10)?
6. Discuss how to put on the new self through the Word, the Spirit, and His people.
7. Bring up anything else important to you from Sunday's message if there is time.