

6. The next generation needs to understand God's plan for marital love and romantic relationships. With whom in the next generation has God given you influence? How could you communicate to them biblical principles from the Song of Solomon regarding God's best for marital love and romantic relationships?

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

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Sermon Notes

"Committed for the Long Haul"

Song of Solomon 8:5-14

March 20, 2016

Introduction:

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Three different kinds of marital love

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Do you agree or disagree with this statement, "Love is both fragile and powerful"? Explain.

Conclusion:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 3-20-16

Questions adapted from Jeremy Vance, <http://www.faithchurchmanitowoc.org/#/sunday-morning/sermon-discussion-s>, Nov. 1, 2015, accessed 1/20/16.

Getting Started:

1. What are some ways that popular culture would describe marital love?

Digging Deeper:

2. Notice in Song of Solomon 8:5 the words "wilderness" and "labor." What feeling or atmosphere do those words convey?

How can hard times strengthen love? How can hard times damage love?

3. Read 8:6-7. Take note of each ascription of strength, duration, etc. How is this similar or dissimilar to the present popular culture's view of marital love?
4. Someone summarize from the sermon the differences between marital love that loves "IF you meet my needs," "BECAUSE of who you are," and "IN SPITE OF what you've done." What do you think is required in order to develop an "IN SPITE OF" kind of committed love?
5. Read 8:8-10. Notice how moral purity leads to peace (8:10). On the contrary, how would practicing moral impurity in our lives rob us of peace?

Why do you think purity before marriage is such a key component to faithfulness during marriage?