

The Bride's Journey In The Song Of Solomon – 16
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All things work together for our good, but don't ever stop there. Go on because whom He did foreknow. Oh my, what He has predestinated us to, praise His name. Now, open your bibles up to our journey in the Song Of Solomon, and we left off in Chapter Four and the fellowship in complete harmony. She's not yet apprehended but yet she knows she is His sister, My spouse. Hallelujah. Do you know that? Do you rest in that? See, there's such a peace, there's such a rest I so thank the Lord I'm not even encumbered about with making wedding plans. You know what I'm saying? I've seen that happen before. I was so thankful the way that Polly and I were married. We were so young, we got married so fast we didn't even have time to plan anything. I thank God for this. When you will rest in His love, and how He sees you, and how He's called you, and chosen you, justified we'll even read tonight. I love old Brother Copley, He put some stuff in there, you just got to search it out a little bit; how dare you say you're sanctified? dare them, I'll give you the page number and everything.

Hold on, glorified, how do you see yourself in Christ? I pray it's to the extent of that and you will, you will cause the heart of the husband to trust in you, and you will because you won't be encumbered with things. God help us saints. I'm so thankful to abide in the full grace that it's His keeping of what He promised and that's the crown that He put in my hand. How about you, amen? And from knowing His love is how this came about and believing that it is your own. See, you can know something from afar off. You can see it, but this is knowing that it is yours. This is knowing praise God that this was you He was talking about and when that transpires, we can see she says in that very last verse of chapter four, awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden. Praise God, you get to loving Him and letting Him love on you like that you know what, you'll desire to suffer together with Him; you will. You'll love and really thank God for it, maybe really not love, but you'll thank God for them because you'll know those infirmities that bring the very power of Christ to rest upon you thanking Him so much that He's showing you that Lord it's got to be You that does it.

And see His words reveal one thing all the way through this study what do they reveal, what is His speech reveal to you? What is the husband say to you? He sees you complete; He sees you perfect, He sees you beautiful and this is incredible, this is how he sees you now. This all ongoing here is her life. This is the expression of His love to her in this my goodness it's beyond courtship; it's beyond courtship. This is wed ship, this is wedlock. Thank the Lord, read it for yourself. She's speaking in chapter one that's how He swept her off her feet. The beams of our house are cedar, my goodness, she speaks of it as our bed. Thank the Lord for that, thank the Lord for that fellowship that we have with Him, thank the Lord that He loves us like that, that He adores us like that; that's grace, that's mercy, that's the new man. That's what He's after, He's not after this carcass,

this is fallen off, I'm going to have a body like unto His own. I'm going to see Him face to face here soon; you too. She is, and we are His glory, oh yes, the woman is the glory of the man. We thank God that He's called us to be glorified together with Him, and the glory that shall be revealed. The glory, the glory, salvation with eternal glory this is His ecstasy, and we are it and that is the power of His mercy; the power of His mercy to give you that.

The power of mercy, I'm talking about the power of the exact extreme opposite of what you deserve, praise the Lord, I see it because I hear Him tell me and praise God His words will give you a vision, a picture more vivid, more real than anything you could ever see with your eyes because the Spirit does that in us. And that brings us the faith that I believe that many of us are after we say yes Lord, I believe it, and now I go and abide in it. Amen? Thank the Lord and five-one as we get in the fifth chapter, we touched on this last week how we transform from glory to glory into His very image. We feast upon Him as we go along, and we feast upon Him as we go along and look at what happened verse one of chapter five, I am come into My garden. This is the husband, the Bridegroom speaking My sister, My spouse; how many times does He have to tell you? I pray ones listening let it chase and convict, let it wrench your heart, what is He calling you; what is He calling you? Why do you think in Ephesians Chapter Five it talks about the husband? That's not for a future time, that's for right now. Is He your head, is He the head of you; is your husband the head of you? Just hear Him, just hear Him, but now it's so beautiful listen to this, I'm coming to My garden My sister, My spouse. I have gathered My myrrh with my spice. Oh, and He loves that suffering. I've eaten My honeycomb with My honey, I like that.

I have drunk My wine oh, with My milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved. See, you feast with Him like that and let Him feast upon you like that then He will share you with others. Isn't that amazing that the supplying we can be one to another, and we know this, and we thank God for it. It's rich, it's richer than anything. When we go after Him like this oh the supplying of the glory of the Lord through the joints of the body. Well, that's the oneness, He said Father make them one as We are one. Let them love like I love You, and You love Me, and I love them; We're in them. That's dwelling together, that's settling down in marriage. But you know what, we're on a journey aren't we? And yes, once again and I'll say it, we have not yet apprehended because the journey's not complete until we are like Him face to face. So, what do we do till then? You know what you do, you hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thou crown. You abide in wedlock divine saints. You don't toil, you don't struggle, you don't even need to plan, you've got it all. I'll tell you something, I know you've been transforming from glory to glory I believe you can say that this man has been transforming from glory to glory and you know when we're all done the same thing.

Hold fast that which thou hast that no man take thou crown. How could you not grow in thanksgiving, how could you no grow in joy? See, that's the evidence, that's the testimony, it's a joy. I'm so full of joy, let me tell you about my husband, let me tell you about my

spouse, let me tell you how much He loves you. Let me tell you what He wants, that's why people coming in this church every single one whether they leave or not they know there's love in this place. There's love in this place, there's not judgment in this place, there's not condemnation in this place, there's love and I mean love that has drawn you that you have that comfort in your life to say if the Lord could take one like me let me tell you something, get on in it; it's incredible but that's what we're going to do, we're going to hold fast that crown. I'm going to just settle down in my wedlock divine. I'm waiting for my husband to return, how about you? He's building me a mansion connected to my Father's house. I love the word, let it run through your heart.

The mark for the prize of bridal first love saints. Don't be as Ephesus who divorced. Isn't that an interesting word they used in the word of God? I have one thing against you Ephesus, you left your first love; you divorced your first love. I was thinking about Father God and His wife is Israel, and she's an unfaithful wife, but you know what He didn't divorced her, oh no, He's going to draw that unfaithful wife back to Him. And here we have our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. You faithfully, oh boy, have you ever been married at the well? I have, oh yeah. If you ever want to be married, you're going to be married at the well; that's where the wedding happened, right at the well. It happened a few times in the word of God, it gives you that over and over. It's amazing what happens at a well, ask Moses, ask Jacob, yeah. It's where the wife is always found; at the well.

So, I thank God that in that we are so thankful that He is the one that divinely takes and calls us to Him and has that wondrous proposal where we say I do. And we have that wedlock with Him and now we are to abide with holding that fast which we have that no man take thy crown that I don't because He is always going to be faithful to me. He's always going to be completely faithful in first love with me. By the grace of God that's what I hold dear is His faithfulness above everything husband even when I mess up? Even when I oh the good that I would I do not, and the evil that I would not, that I do. I know that You are still faithful to me my husband, my spouse, and that will be till I see Him. Alright.

Now, tonight we're going to see the greatest of the battles that we face. I believe at this juncture we are truly coming upon the moment He's going to appear. It's soon saints, it's so soon, thank You God. But there's one common thing that I believe that the Apostle Paul marks and notes, and warning more than anything that defeats God's precious people from His best and I've seen it over the years, I'm seeing it in living color today, self-righteousness, and it's true. But thank the Lord His grace is greater if you let it; His grace is great.

Let's go ahead and read verses two through six of chapter five. She's had this wondrous fellowship with Him, she's listened to Him express to her how she has ravished His heart. He has called her My sister, My spouse over and over, and over. He's told her she's the fairest of the loves My sister, My spouse thy love is better than wine, He tells

her how she even loves Him, but here it goes again. She says in verse two, I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my Beloved and He knocks, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night. Now here she says, I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them? My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him. I rose up to open to my Beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock. I opened to my Beloved, but my Beloved had withdrawn Himself, and was gone: my soul failed when He spake: I sought Him, but I could not find Him; I called him, but He gave me no answer.

He's been describing one thing to her all along, I'm in love with you, He's been describing one thing all along, honey you're perfect, He's been describing one thing all along, you're beautiful in every way and how could we not realize it's only His grace that has done that saints. The grace that He has truly given to us, and the grace that He has given us to have the faith to believe that He sees us like that, that He loves us like that, that He wants us like that, that we are His good pleasure, that everything was created for this time and this relationship. Son, it is not good for You to live alone, you will have your wife.

Now, do we trust as He says I'll perform it, I'll complete it? He's been telling her honey, just rest and grow in My righteousness which is not of the law, but it's of faith that it might be by grace. How simple could that be that it's by faith? Lord, You said it, I don't need to earn it, it's mine. I receive that and I take that as my own; praise the Lord. When you do that, when you receive that, you want to do something, do that. Receive grace, just be this giant bastion and say Lord continue to expand this wineskin to receive more of that grace to believe it deeper, and believe it more, and more, and see it more, and more. And by the grace of God, I'll tell you that's what's so wonderful brothers and sisters, that's when it magnifies His grace. Amen. That's what we're after are we not? To magnify Him that we truly are vessels of mercy continuing to receive the very exact extreme opposite of what we deserve? And that's why the vessels of mercy have all the riches of His glory.

That's the only thing that can possess that in that weakness, in that place of no strength, in that place of I could not, would not, do not merit a thing. That's the one; that's the one. That's the one that captivates Him in a room, a feast of people that love Him but they're busy for Him, but there's one that has taken His attention and that's the woman at His feet. The harlot, you wouldn't let Him touch her if you knew who she was. Touch Me all over, touch Me more, don't bother her. Listen to Him, don't listen to the watchmen, don't listen to the daughters of Jerusalem; so, called spiritual authorities, that's what the watchmen are. We'll get to them in a minute, you hear Him, and you always hear Him. And there'll be a thankfulness, you won't have an arrogance, you won't say oh you don't need to, you just lock into Him, everybody else disappears, you don't even have to give

them an answer, He'll do it for you. Leave her alone and I'm meaning . . . I'll stop right there.

Now, verse two shows us brothers and sisters so sadly she's in her own bed again. Remember our study, that was chapter three. You don't want to go back to your own bed, you want His bed. Bad things happen in your bed, and this is a bad thing that's happening. It's a bad place for a spouse to be not to be in our bed, and maybe praise God this is really speaking to my heart maybe that's the problem with some of these saints that kind of go back and forth in this, get it settled. Get it settled, did He marry you or not? Or do you continue to withdraw yourself and then you have to go back to your bed and then you find yourself doing something again trying to improve yourself again. And let me tell you something, He won't have anything to do with that, He withdraws Himself from that, that stinking self-righteousness you are refusing His love. See, brothers and sisters we can waste it, we can hold the bridal message and let self-righteousness rob us of it. Don't be that one, don't be that one; don't be that one. As I mentioned earlier the legalist's say you need to do it. Grace says God has already done it. for you. What do you want? You mean Lord, you'll do it for me? I'm in. I'm in on that one, You want to do it for me. Matter of Fact You perform it, accomplish it, you'll do it for Your pleasure?

And then besides that He tells me I can't do a thing. I have to abide in Him, there's nothing I could produce of my own; nothing zero; zero, you can produce nothing of yourself. You can whip up a lot of wood, hay, and stubble but it will burn in that day; it will burn. Brothers and sisters, He is so faithful, here's how faithful He is. She's sleeping in her bed; she's done it again here and here she hears the voice of the Bridegroom. He loves her too much; He loves you too much. He's going to keep on, and what does He say to her? Does He correct her or anything? Look what He says to her in verse two. You're perfect, that's the only way He's going to get through, He's not going to hammer you with judgment, He's not going to hammer you with condemnation. You want the Bridegroom? Here's what He's going to hammer you with, open to Me. That's the last thing He should be saying to us treating Him like we do, and that's what He says to you His wife every single time. That is the lover of your soul. Open to Me, I can hear Him just open to Me. He's so in love, My sister, My love, My dove, My undefiled, undefiled; that's how He sees you, and yet you want to go out and do something. You want to show Him something, you want to bring Him something of your own. He is not going to take it, He can't, it's against grace. That will not be accepted, that is not the true worshipper. You're a true worshipper, you worship Him for His grace.

You draw nigh to kiss Him for His mercy. Now, He says honey you're perfect, quit toiling and she awakes. He's fully in, He's fully in. He's committed to You, He's sure that you are it. I thought about Gilead, I thought about how many times, are you sure I'm it? You sure? Well make that water on that mat, let's do it again. Are you sure, here I am, open to me; open to me. He wants you; He wants you just as you are. From chapter one, verse one He has not changed. He sees you one way, His wife. He tells you one thing, let Me love you. You must hear the voice of the husband though to open up: you have to

hear the voice of the husband. The Son Of Solomon is the Husband's speak you're perfect. It's not a pat on the back, you understand that that's the biggest step of grace you're ever going to take. It's a leap of mercy saints into riches of glory untold. It's a heart of thanksgiving that's beyond Niagara Falls. It's the truth, it just rushes and gushes with thanksgiving and joy; you're just overwhelmed, and you begin just to just accept it; you begin to apprehend Him, grace.

I pray that we take this simplicity saints, the simplicity that God set in motion a long time back. I'll be gracious to whom I'll be gracious, I'll have mercy upon whom I'll have mercy. I've chosen you because I love you, and I mentioned Brother Copley: page thirty-one of the Song Of Solomon. He says some say how dare you say you are undefiled, actually sanctified in Jesus Christ. He says why not? I'm thankful we'll get to meet our brother soon, and as I read lots of things that I don't know if a one of them was up to that rank. Second Corinthians Chapter Eleven, verse two saints. What do you think? Here's why, why not. For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, not a fiancé, not a boyfriend, I have married you to one husband. That's what Paul's gospel does, it marries you to one husband that I may present you a chaste virgin unto Christ. That's the example of Mary and Joseph.

They were married, it was just not yet consummated. That's how it worked, even the word of God shows and tells us this. And what was Joseph contemplating thinking about? A divorce, a very quiet one because she was with child, huh? Let it click in saints. I do, I thank the Lord that I awake His chaste virgin of grace till my Husband comes to take me home, and there's a joy, there's a peace, there's a rest and I do, saints I do and I ever thank the Lord for this, I do, and I thank God that Brother Hill as the Lord continued to minister to his heart as he's took the things of God and these things were continuing on, and he was like a Joshua and waked through more land praise God, same truth but oh my what you see. And you know what he began to see? He began to see that the four loving ones and the twenty-four elders were two separate companies; they weren't the same. But yet some that started ministering of this wondrous truth praise God saw them just as one company. That's fine and thank the Lord, and whether I see that difference or not as long as I know the bridal truth, and as long as I'm in love, first love with the bridal truth and as long as I know that it's grace and not by works it'll achieve the same thing.

But I'm thankful I see that. I'm thankful I see that those are two separate promises. I think it's more perfect in my heart, it gives me more rest, it gives me more joy. Those are always wonderful barometer's, it doesn't give me more judgment and condemnation, and I'm very thankful for what someone sees, and I'm thankful for what I see. And I'm thankful that Paul's gospel has espoused me, has married me to Jesus. And I thank the Lord for the rest that I have, and the confidence I have in my Husband's keeping thank the Lord. Okay? But if you don't see that and you want to be engaged amen, that's fine. But I encourage you, don't you think that you have to do anything more than I do by

being engaged. Sometimes you can be worked up a little bit in planning. I'm glad I'm past that in my relationship and I'll leave it like that. Amen?

Okay, now don't let Satan rob you of the simplicity. That's the whole thing, this is simple stuff, believe it. It's by faith amen, that's the glorious thing. I just believe that somebody can attack me and tell me I'm like this, or I'm that, or look at what you do, or look at who you are. Look at how you looked, and all these different things, I just believe the word of God. You want to argue with someone about my life, take it up with Jesus; I'll just say it. I want you to win, but I know if you're more occupied on me you're taking your eye off the ball, and that's the truth and I don't want to be that guy either.

I just want to preach the word of His grace. By the power of the Holy Ghost to be anointed of the Spirit and I know that God has put that in my life. I know by the grace of God I'm called to be your pastor. I know God chose me to be that; God chose me, not man. Man may have thought some things, and it's kind of interesting, sometimes man kind of sizes up well that one would be good for the ticket, and this one would be good for the ticket; I'm glad God saw this heart. And you're glad too, I promise you, you are. He saw the heart; He didn't see the man; don't see the man.

Now, here comes some stinking self-righteousness, but here comes the thief in the night and I'm talking about the lover of your soul. Isn't that beautiful how He comes? He comes at night. That dew's dropping from me, He sacrificed everything to have us saints, everything and He keeps coming. But is this our response to Him, oh I have taken off my coat, my feet are washed, I need to stay perfect. I just need to keep myself perfect, come on, my feet are washed. It's all about my outward appearance, huh? That's what she's saying here, even if she gets up because of His grace, she didn't get it by her own strength, it was His voice; you're going to wake up, you love Me, you're going to get it. He doesn't say it like that, but He should. He's just a lover. I blow it, but He doesn't. But even as she gets up by His grace, she still has to examine herself huh? Come on, the myrrh, and Who even gave her the myrrh? Who gave her the joint sufferings together with Him? Those were the gifts of due benevolence between the husband and the wife. He gave that to you, and here she is saying oh I'm so beautiful because I suffered for Christ's sake. My hands, look at how pretty they are.

Oh God help us saints, it's the truth, don't. God help us, and I mean that. As your pastor as coming in here and oh well look at what I do for them, or anything like that, and I'm telling you I so thank God I don't never get inspiration of the Father and I mean that so sweetly. I thank God, some thinking we're something when we're nothing comparing ourselves amongst ourselves. Where'd you get your pedigree, huh? I know Brother Hill said Brush College, I'm even worse than that. He got me off the sand of the beach. Now brothers and sisters she's examining herself and looks at the trial instead of seeing Him, the reward. That's the whole thing, are we seeing Him? hear this. When you try to do it He's going to refuse it and He will remove Himself. He's coming for the new man, He's not coming for that old carcass, no He's not. And only His undeserved mercy wins. I was

delighting today listening to Brother Hill. Abraham looked for that promise of that son that God told him he would have all of those years, prepared for it, all the different things, praying for it. I'm sure he was encouraged for it, they would talk about it at dinner and of that, but then ninety-nine years old hit him, completely stripped of strength of any natural fruitfulness, was even circumcised at that time at a hundred years old.

You talk about, I don't even want to think about that, but it was then he was ready to receive the promise. What's it going to be saints? What is He going to have to have us look like before we finally say Lord, I just don't take it? what's it going to take? Now, His love stirs her, and she goes after that grace she says I want Him. Let's go back and read verse seven and eight, real quick and we'll close this up. I'll tell you what, I was listening to that bible study of Brother Hill's; the one-hour side of the tape couldn't contain it, and then it cut off. Just saying, where are we huh? Verse seven, it says the watchmen. Now first of all she says in verse six, I opened to my beloved; but my beloved withdrawn himself; He was gone: my soul failed when he spake. I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, He gave me no answer. But here she goes again, the watchmen that went about the city, they found me they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me. Oh my, she's seeking Him but notice again, this same play played out once again. Who did she find first? those watchmen

Those spiritual so-called authorities with their settled legality they stripped the veil from her. Legality will always take your wedding veil right out from you every single time, that's all that legality will ever do, and these were the watchmen; these ones had titles. This is where in a way she turned they found her oh we'll show you, and all they did was expose her, and condemn her, and tell her she was not worthy, but thanks be to God she went on. Verse seven wasn't the end of the story; no, she goes on and we have verse eight and it says, I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, that ye tell him, that I am sick of love. Alright? I am sick of love, it's so glorious.

Now this is what's so sweet. The daughters of Jerusalem they can't help her at all, matter of fact let's read verse nine they even try to defeat her. Where is thy beloved more than another beloved, or O thou fairest among women? what is thy beloved more than another beloved, that thou dost so charge us? See, they don't get it, see at first the spiritual authorities tried to tell her you're not doing enough, you need to do this, and you need to do that. The daughters of Jerusalem they tried to defeat her because they don't know His love but here is what matters. Are you lovesick saints? I think it's evident, you wouldn't be in here on a Wednesday night by the grace of God. We're lovesick hallelujah, we're lovesick because we know Whom we've believed, this is Who we know, we know the Husband. We have that ear to hear the Husband and we have been given the grace to have the faith to believe that those words are spoken to me.

And I thank God that I know what He thinks of me. I know His thoughts towards me, and He doesn't hide them. We're the height of everything to Him, and I thank God we're hooked, and it doesn't matter, it doesn't matter, it doesn't matter what life throws

you, or how far you've fallen. Or what spiritual authority tells you this, or this, or this, or this you say I'm chosen praise God and faith is going to move everything for me to be united with my Husband, my spouse hallelujah. That's the confidence that we have in Him; in Him, in Him. And I thank the Lord, as we go forward now with her, as we go forward now with Him by the grace of God let it be no longer about us. You see what I'm saying? Get over that once and for all because He's coming. That call to His wife, saints; Alex, we can't miss this no way. Not when He loves us like this we can't get distracted, carried away with every wind of this or that. And don't let the watchmen hurt you saints. They're about the city, they'll try to search you out; go on. You pray for me, brother go on. I needed this tonight, you did too. Let's go ahead and stand and pray.