

The Bride's Journey In The Song Of Solomon - 4
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Let's go ahead and open our bibles back up to the Song Of Solomon Chapter One, and we are going on and seeing this. Praise God I look at this as those facets of the diamond and thanks be to God how about not looking from an outward appearance, how about looking at it from within? And just seeing how He sees us, how He sees us, amen? And just the joy that He has as He dotes upon us and loves us and that would be our strength, the joy of the Lord, that's us. The joy of the Lord is your strength. It's not how much I love Him, it's not about how excited, it's about how much He loves me. It's about how excited He is about me, and I thank God, is that enough? And it is and that's what gives us everything and gives us even more and how He brings this grace for grace. And I do, I glory in the Lord because it's so beyond this song, this wedding song; that's what the Song Of Solomon is, it's a wedding song, and it is, it's our wedding song, and it truly is and I don't mean to use man's expressions, but in a way but I think this is the Lord's, it's heart blowing, it's mind blowing, it's everything. His desire, us. I thank the Lord, it's okay to rejoice, and to love Him so much for loving us, and carrying for us, and being adored with us, and ravished with us, and that again we were made to praise Him, we were made the good pleasure of His will, we're everything to Him. We are. 01:59

And then we hear and thank God that we can visit with Him in such an intimate way. And we cannot just talk with Him, we can have I'll tell you that intercourse is as deep as you want it to be, and we want to get the depths of we can't even imagine, but kiss me, kiss me, Lord. Kiss me with the kisses of Your mouth. And draw me, and I'm so thankful that she knows that He wants to hear that. He wants to hear that. He wants us to tell Him come after me, kiss me. Huh? Come on, this is the lovers speak, this is the love language, this is the marriage, and I know it can kind of make us embarrassed and different things like that, but this is what's the most intimate was, and I pray you have that most open heart with Him, that's the lover of your soul, it's your Lord. And so, this is the most intimate of relationships, the most intimate of joy and ecstasy that we know, and I'm telling you, this is what's so beautiful because this is love, love this perfectly, and His love loves us perfectly according to the word of God. 03:20

And that's what we come to now in verse five. The perfection of the love of God according to this in such a way it's going to prove in us the good fight of faith. Yeah, we're going to have to fight through a few things, and you think about, I think most of us have been married, are married however those things are, you know in a marriage if you want it to go on you're going to have to fight through things. And sometimes that fight is a lot, and sometimes it comes on a lot of different fronts, and sometimes it seems like it is never going to end, but love wins. And that's what this is brothers and sisters. It's the proving in us is His love is everything to us. And it's not proving my love to Him, it's proving I believe

truly in His first love for me. I'm finding that more and more what that first love really is about and that's Him. 04:37

Now, as we see this tonight, it's a twofold attack. Twofold, and it's in His faithfulness the word of God says that He afflicts us. And now we read, and we hear in this beautiful song, and I know most all of us know this Song Of Solomon very, very well. In chapter six, verse thirteen it says we're a company of two armies, okay? I thank God there's many layers to that number, and I'll tell you something, the Lord has opened up another one that we'll get to if the Lord tarry. I tell you what, what a dance it is, and it's truly a dance. But in this layer that I'll speak of tonight those two companies are shown as the lover and the fighter. The love has been brought out verses one through four absolutely, but now comes the fighter. True love is proven as it fights for the love, and God will bring us to these places, and here comes the warrior, this fighter, this full overcomer that's proving in us the one thing, the one thing is I will go is everything. Amen? I will go is everything. 05:56

Now let's read verses five and six. It says there, I *am* black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon. Look not upon me, because I *am* black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; *but* mine own vineyard have I kept not. The two attacks here and the very first one is from within. We know wretched man that I am, don't we saints, praise God, but God adores me, amen? Praise the Lord, and it's okay to praise Him tonight. That good fight of faith in spite of me He loves me. Amen? Come on, His love is greater than even my feelings about me, huh? That's quite an internal attack, isn't it? Praise the Lord. 07:02

Now I know as the word of God tells us and this gives me peace, this doesn't make me upset, it doesn't make me feel bad, I thank God for this, He tells me who I am, that within me lies no good thing, but God is ravished with me. Isn't that glorious? See, this is about His choice, this isn't about what I think, this is about His elect, it's not about what mine eyes see. This is about His first love, not about what I feel. Praise God. Tonight, I think on Sunday we rejoiced so sweetly how that was even magnified in our precious brother Peter. All those things that he thought so highly of himself, all those things that he thought he did, and when he said to the Lord, and that's what so struck my heart in that portion of scripture where he said Lord, we have forsook all to come after You, we have followed You, what's going to be in it for us? You know, what are we going to receive for this? And the Lord as we know knew everything about Peter. And the Lord tells him even in that moment there you're going to sit on one of those twelve thrones son ruling over one of the twelve tribes. That's what is going to happen, and here's why it's going to happen is because I'm going to show you Who you forsook, and that's Me because all have forsaken Me. Amen? 08:54

Come on, and I'm going to show you who you really follow Peter. It wasn't Me; you were following you. You were following your desires and your feelings. You were following

after what you felt would magnify you, but it doesn't matter Peter, I chose you. We know about Peter too that he even gave it up, he returned back to fishing, huh? To find out he wasn't really very good at that either, but the Lord still didn't care; I chose you. My grace will get it done, amen? So, this is what's so beautiful brothers and sisters. I know within me lies no good thing, but God is ravished with me, and we know because we've already had the experience with me, He wants me in that chamber of love. He took me there; He took me there. He took you there. He has brought me; the King has brought me into His chamber.

10:16

Now, brothers and sisters that means something, and it means something to you and by you going, as the word of God says I've come for your words. You're mine, oh yes you are, I'm pursuing you. See, this is magnifying all the time brothers and sisters that it's the treasure in the earthen vessel that the glory may be of God, and not of us. The glory is His mercy. Do we really see that; the glory is His mercy? The glory is that He take the less of the least, that the glory is that His grace is always going to be magnified. Every time we begin to try you know what's going to happen, you're going to fail. Every time we enter into the rest of God and let Him have it, praise be to God we increase; we increase in Him.

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Now, what is so beautiful here is brothers and sisters we are the vessels of mercy, and in that the word of God says that we're clothed with all the riches of His glory because once again this magnifies His choice, and His choice is mercy, that's what He wants; that magnifies Him. Now saints, may we truly look at one another and really only see the new man, amen? Isn't that something, I don't think we'd be as disappointed in one another if we'd just looked at the new man. What do you think? See, I'm talking about the heart that God sees. Yes, rejoice in that, rejoice in that, and rejoice that we're a bunch of smoking flax, and bruised reeds, but we don't burn, and we don't break. We go on because we are the miracles in mercy, and that's the truth; that's who God will exalt in due time, He'll exalt you. And He will, and He's promised us that He will. So that first attack we can see is very much within, and we see that she has this going on in her because of these different ones how they're looking at her, how she sees herself, all of these different things, but she's always springing back. Whether I am like the tents of Kedar, I'm as the curtains of Solomon. Come on now, this is what the Lord is doing in our life, we must see as He sees.

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Now the second attack. We see this very clearly there in verse six. It says the children, the sons were angry is what that means. These sons were angry. I think it's very similar to this that I'm going to say right now. Most Christians do not like it when you catch fire in the Holy Ghost and that's the truth. Let's be honest now, and I'm talking about Christians you even know. And what happens is they become angry at your joy. Have you ever had people angry at your joy? Have you ever had anybody come and shake you and say you're too adamant about Paul's gospel. Huh? Praise God. Those that have lost their zeal, those that have grown cold, those that are dull, your joy convicts them; that is the truth. That's right and I thank God for that brothers and sisters. And you'll find in life if

you go after grace there'll be more grace. You want to go after legal things it'll go more legal. The legal will grow more legal, and the joy that you have, those legal ones and self-righteous ones they're going to try to quench it. Oh yes, they are, and they will and here's how they'll try to do it. And I'm sure you've heard these things because they'll say things like that's the flesh, or they'll say that's strange fire because they know that means something to you, and it does mean something to me, and we would never want strange fire in this place. 14:31

By the grace of God, God forbid but just as concerning God forbid that we would quench the Spirit in this place, that we would have some type of a patrol somehow trying to monitor. Let me tell you something, trust God, allow the Lord to move and I thank God, He's doing it, and I'm thanking God that He's done it and we need to just continue to yield brothers and sisters. See, don't back off, don't. Don't do that and I know it's difficult, but this is the proving of the fighter. Be as David, dance with more zeal, amen? Absolutely. David did it before his pitiful wife Michal, and danced so much that you know you haven't seen anything yet. You don't realize how base I'm going to be in your sight because God is so ravished with me, and I thank the Lord for that. I thank the Lord and I can testify this even as your pastor, by the grace of God I'm not doing that to provoke, but I'm going on; I'm so thankful to be going on, I'm so thankful to trust the Lord. And I'm so thankful that God, and each and every one of us brothers and sisters like I talk about those panes of glass, they emit the same light, but they emit it differently, we just need to be thankful for one another. Thank God for people that love the truth. 16:17

Now, they try to defeat you, now how do they try to defeat you? Well, it tells you right here they try to stick you in their garden. They try to put you under their thumb, this is how we do it around here. This is how it's got to go; this is how it has to be. I want to trust God, how about you, huh? I tell you one thing about God's pattern, there's always something that's against yours. It's the truth, God's ways are not our ways. I thank the Lord; He doesn't do it the same way twice. Whether it's His healing, you know I appreciated that brother said to Him, Lord just say it, and it's so; it was so. Take up thy bed and walk, whish, that's great. But why do I have to be the guy that He gets the dirt and spits in it and puts it in my eye? I feel like I'm the brother way down the road because I've got to go what? I've got to go bathe in that dirty water seven times? Can't I be over here, take up thine bed and walk? Amen. Oh, Jesus, help us, and we all need it. But what happens is they try to put you under their thumb. And they want you to tend their garden and want you to mind what they want you to be about. 17:58

But brothers and sisters it's a big emphatic no, and that's verse seven. And here she goes, kiss me, draw me, and now tell me. Tell me, O thou whom my soul loves, where thou feedest, where thou makest *thy flock* to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions? See. I thank God for this, tell me, it's mine. You're mine, tell me it's mine, it's all mine. I'm not going to settle being defeated here. I don't care if everybody's trying to defeat me, I was made the vessel only for Your use. I'm going back right from where You took me from the very beginning You took me into Your

chamber. I know this intimacy, I know verses two through four were real and I was there with You; they mean something to me, they mean everything to me because I know You're in love with me. And notice what happens here. She quits talking to them. This is important, she quits talking to them, who does she talk to? Thou who my soul loves. I'm telling you saints, ones that don't want the truth, ones that try to get you away from the truth, ones that try to distract you or plant legality in your life you need to quit talking to them. You think you're being polite; you don't want to avail yourself to that. You want to get away from it and you want to get away very quickly, a little leaven will leaven the whole lump. You think well. it's brother so and so, or sister this and that. They want to go that way, they can go so and so, and this and that way over there. I don't want that; you don't want that, and I thank God He doesn't want that. 20:11

Now, what happens here brothers and sisters is when she quits talking to them, what happens is she quits wasting her time; that's what happens, and she quits wasting her time with the legal wannabe's and she goes right to her lover to talk to Him. Talk to your lover, amen? And I love how she says this, see love breaks through here. Tell me, O thou whom my soul loves, my soul loves. This is the depth of everything I am, this is my whole being, this is my purpose of life; my soul, my soul loves You. Amen, the deepest love? And what happens, that's what brings her in. He gave her the love, He consummated it in her, and she knows the bridal love right back there in verses two and three I should say right from the very beginning. 21:19

And I love what she says here, why should I be in anybody other's field? Why should I be in anybody other's field? I don't need to be fed out of a garbage can. Why do I need scraps? And this gets even more specific, I don't want to be in the cornfield, uh-uh, that's a latter; that's a latter harvest. I don't want to be in the vineyard in a sense in that regard. Those grapes, that's the last harvest, I'm barley. Get me in the barley field, that's my field. Praise the Lord, that's where Ruth was put. That's the redeemer's field, that's the first harvest field; the barley field. And this is what she wants, I want Your field, not anybody else's, Yours's. I want that barley field of Ruth, I want that first rapture, or I want that first trumpet, I want the best, I've got the crown because the King took me into His chamber. Do you see, what's so beautiful is she claims His love. She claims His love, He's told me this, He loves me, that's everything. All of His promises that He's promised, yes, they're mine, I understand that but the one thing I can claim over everything, the reason I have the promises, the reason I have everything from Him is because He loves me and is in love with me. And this is everything to me. 23:07

So, this love breaks through, and she stands on what she knows that she is to Him, and what is that? Everything. It's just like what we say well Lord, You're everything to us. Well, because we're everything to Him. Brothers and sisters, without us He has no kingdom, He doesn't. He doesn't have a kingdom, without us praise God He will not take His throne in glory. Praise God. This is who we are to Him, this is what we stand upon. This is how much He loves us; this is how bold she is in remembering. When David said encourage yourself in the Lord, how much is this encouraging you? His love for me

encourages me. If I'm looking to how I act in life, I operate in life, all the good deeds I do in life or I don't do, if that's my barometer for my self-worth I missed it as a Christian. If that's my barometer of again how satisfied I am with the Lord, I'm missing it. See, what happens truly when we are in love and so ravished, and in this rapture divine of love, and in love everything else doesn't matter. Your thoughts are occupied on one thing, and it's beautiful when it's on that one thing, you're not doing a lot of other things. They might still be there, all these different things but it doesn't matter because of love. 25:05

It's glorious. I was thinking again how all, you know we've been so graced in this meeting to have these babies, and babies on the way and I know there's been some heartaches and different things as well too, but God's faithful, God's faithful and God is good. And the joy of these children and I know that many of these different sweet sisters. These mommies that had some difficult labor lately, and long labors and they would say were painful, and different things. But yet even in all of that pain there was a joy. And there was love and it was amazing, and it was like if it wasn't because of that love just for this child's life, this beautiful baby you'd never endure the intensity of that pain if it was pretty much for anything else but for that. But see, the Lord gives us these things, and He gives us these things even in our natural life to even have more of an understanding. Lord, You can bring this love in my life no matter what I go through, no matter what I don't like about it, what I don't like about me. All of these different things, when this word saturates this life, I leave this planet. I have peace, I have joy, I have rest, I have purpose, I have meaning; it's everything, all these things that people are looking for I've already got it. 26:43

And I thank God for it and just rejoice. Count your blessings and how He does love you, but she remembers this all the time even though it's later on His desire is towards me. His desire is towards me, that's what counts saints. That's what will bring you on through this journey, this is what will keep you in first love. It's all about His desire. Isn't that why we worship the Lord? Isn't that why we love Him so much, isn't that why we're in such awe of God because He's God? But then He's brought us into a communion and a relationship with Him of this intimate personal love that He has with you. And it is, it's just so beyond outstanding in knowing Who God is, and growing in this, you know I have this Father, and I have the Saviour, and I have this friend, and wait a second I've got this lover of my soul, I have a bridegroom, I have a spouse, I have this One as I grow up into we have this equal relationship that He needs me just as much as I need Him. That I'm not complete without Him and He's not complete without me? And He tells us this in the word of God this isn't just mushy feeling stuff that somehow, I concoct in my head to go on with the Lord. Let me tell you something, what was given to the Apostle Paul fulfils the word of God it completes, fulfils Jesus, and I thank the Lord, here it is which completes Him. 28:20

That mystery with Christ Jesus in His church, hallelujah. The bride, the glory in the church that will come out from it. Now, I want more of that, and this is what this precious life says the only way I'm going to have it I got to be in His field. I can't be messing with

all of this stuff, and I want the ones that are in that field to be with those ones; I want to be in that flock. I want to be fed in that field; I want that strong meat. It has to be that exact, oh yeah. Not over there, here it's got to be that one. That one, and it gets real specific here, we'll get there in just a second, but this is the bounty in this field, this is the field of His elect; this isn't just picking out scraps. And brothers and sisters no matter the pitfalls, no matter the failures, no matter how it looks, no matter what I've done, all things work together for good to them that love God. 29:32

And that's why it's so beautiful, here's what she says, tell me oh Thou Who my soul loves, I love you no matter what just went down. And this will go on in this journey, it's just not a one-time thing. We know that she's going to have these pitfalls all the way along, but it always comes back to this, grace. Grace causing her heart not to turn to her, but to turn to Him, and to turn to Him to say tell me, call me, speak to me, I desire You; You're my love, I love You. Isn't that glorious, I love You? And in that love, here's all the promise, honey I work all things together for your good, you are the called according to My purpose. This is glorious. Now, all things work together for good to them that love God, and she loves Him, and she lets Him know it even though others don't want her to say it, and they don't, huh? Tell me, oh Thou who my soul loves. Let Him always tell you brothers and sisters, you don't have but one mediator, and that's Jesus. That's Jesus, let Him tell you. 31:09

Now, let's close this up for tonight. Now notice this, tell me, O Thou whom my soul loveth, where Thou feedest, where thou makest *thy flock*, now listen to this, to rest at noon; at noon for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of Thy companions? Now brothers and sisters, fully fed sheep are still. When sheep really are fed, they're still. They'll lay down they'll be idle, and they'll be idle in the heat of day; in the heat of day and that's very interesting how that works. Usually in the heat of days sometimes things get a little bit you know uncomfortable, and different ones want to move around and want to get over here and there, but when they're really fed, they'll lay down and they'll be at peace, but you really got to feed them. 32:09

Now, do you want to be in that field that's like a furnace, huh? Now this is the heat of noon field. What do you think? Oh, I thought it was that Lotus land of ease field of ease I was going to be in, huh? That one that had all the shady trees and all of those things. Unh-uh, this is the field you want, you want to be fed the best. You want to have the feed that tries you, you want to have the feed that proves you, and this is the full overcomer flock. I thank the Lord for that, this isn't choosing the easy way. This is going to the high places, this is going past the halfway house brothers and sisters, this is not turning back. And think of this, we're still in chapter one and it's got real serious really fast. You think my goodness, is this over yet? Nah, we just started honey and here we go. And this is how God works, and we know that. You know you think about how when you started off with the Lord, I see these different ones they're the test of God. There's a young man that just came with my son Evan, and I know God's very much after him, and you can just see him break that day just so beautifully melted before God. knowing oh I'm going to be back

here again next week; I'm going to be here. And I'm going to bring my family and I'm going to do all these things and all. Well, one thing and another happened and didn't come. Then by the next week the whole world caved in on him. I'm still believing God he'll be back. But see, that's the fight, these are the things that happen. And brothers and sisters as full overcomers I don't want the Lotus land of ease. 34:07

Lord, I want to be in that field, and I know why I'm here in that field. I'm in this field at 1701 South Sherman. I get to feed with an elect flock thanks be to God, and these are soldiers that endure hardness, it's true. You wouldn't be here; you wouldn't be here if you didn't endure hardness as a good soldier because there's no other explanation why you'd be here. It's the truth, and we're tried in different ways brothers and sisters, you can say well other people will get sick, and other people will have tragedies, and other people have these different things, but we have them suffering together with Christ. Huh? See, I have a different kind of hell that happens to me than a sinner. When I make my bed in hell He's there with me. What do you think? Oh saints, enjoy how He loves you. Really enjoy how He loves you; you really thank the Lord for your life, and for your brother's and sister's life, and the fight that goes on in here. I commend you saints, we're a gnarly group. We've come a long way through a lot of things. 36:03

The Lord's had to as we would say in a lot of ways too some of that shine had to come off you too because it wasn't real; it was fake. It was your goodness, we can't be found having our own righteousness, which is of the law, it can't happen honey. I can't stop looking at you right now because grace decided that for your life. Oh, so soon, so soon, let Him hold you in it, be still. Be still and know He's God. So, we're here in the field by the grace of God feeding on the strong meat. I'm hot, you hot? I was hot today, yeah but you know what I thank God I was by some other sheep that were very still. I appreciate you brother, be still. Sometimes I need to hear my brother tell me wait on the mighty hand of God. 37:33

Now, how does the Lord calm His goodly pearl? Well, we're going to find that out, but I kind of have to give you precursor. He doesn't correct us with condemnation, He never does. He doesn't correct us and say oh man you're just such a pitiful piece of junk, He says son, the devil is going to sift you like wheat, but I pray for you. She had a moment of unbelief there didn't she? You'd think why my goodness, with all that intimacy with God I'm just going to run so perfect. This is the perfect run; He abides faithful still. He abides faithful in my unbelief praise God. He cannot deny Himself. These are things we have to come to know. 38:52

What He's going to tell her right away verse eight even if she didn't know where that clock was, O thy fairest among women, you know what that translates? My beautiful wife, My most beautiful wife. That's what Jesus says to you. You've been confused and rocked. His first words out of His mouth. Well, you should know, get back in line. Oh thou, if thou knowest not my most beautiful wife. Go away forth by the footsteps of the flock. You know, some people look that, and they say well you know that what that means, a

hinder part? That means get in the back of the line see, because that's exactly what that means, you 're going to get in the back part of the flock. Do you know how a shepherd leads? Not from the front, He leads His sheep from the back. He told her to get to the closest place with Me. Sometimes you think you're in the back, you know it, it's the best place to be. I pray we don't have another one, but if we do, we'll go on amen saints? I love your longing for Him, it builds mine and I'm privileged to be here tonight and thanking Him what an honor it is to feast in His flock. Amen? Amen. Let's stand and be dismissed.

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