

SONG *of* SOLOMON

Part 3

Big Idea

Good news! The devil didn't create sex. God created sex to be exclusively enjoyed by one man and one woman joined in marriage. Outside of God's design, sex painfully complicates life. Currently, the world owns the devil's perverted version of the script on sex, but God's way provides an intimacy and fulfillment that will never be found through the world's standards. God created men and women to be different, and learning to serve each other's needs is a vital part of a healthy and successful marriage. The most beautiful relationship is two servants in love, and husbands and wives share responsibility to serve each other's needs according to God's standard.

Our responsibility to serve our spouse in Godly sex is to speak words of affirmation that add value to one another. Godly sex is tender and creates security. It takes no action to cheapen or devalue our spouse or relationship. The devil's lie is that life with God will be boring. Silencing the devil's narrative requires consistent work to keep sex both passionate and holy. Many of us have regrets about our past, but God makes all things new and offers us a fresh start. From this point forward, your life and relationship can follow His vision for Godly sex. God's way sets a standard and also provides the means to meet that standard: Jesus died to resolve our failures, the Bible illuminates our lives in the standard, and the Holy Spirit empowers us to live life by His standard. Remember—holiness isn't reserved for perfect people, it is for people who have been forgiven. God's way connects spirituality and sexuality. God's way is not only right, it's better.

Discussion Questions

- What are some ways the world's script of sex conflicts with God's design of sex?
- Discuss each characteristic of Godly sex—affirming, tender, passionate, secure, and holy. Which resonate most with you? Which do you or think you would struggle with the most?
- What actions might a person take to silence the devil's narrative in their relationships?

Prayer Focus

Pray that God's way would be planted and practiced by all people: young, old, single, and married. Ask God to silence the devil's lies about sex and replace them with His truths about Godly sex. Ask God to develop, protect, and grow your relationships with others.

Next Steps

Assess where you are in your spiritual walk and identify any areas where you have sexual impurities. Make a commitment to turn from those ways from this point forward. Don't dwell on the past and beat yourself up—this is a fresh start! There is no one too far gone that Jesus can't make brand new.

Leader Tip

Encourage your group to point out and repent from any sexual impurities in their life. Discuss practical ways to do this such as having a conversation with their current love interest, cutting off certain relationships, avoiding media like certain channels, movies, TV shows, music, websites, social media, etc.