

*That Thing Called Love #2*  
**Boundaries**

*Word*

**Scripture Reference**

Song of Solomon 1:12–2:7

**Discussion Questions**

1. What are boundaries? Why do you think are boundaries important in relationships? Can you share with the group some of the boundaries you've put up in your life that has helped you in one way or another?
2. Read Song of Solomon 1:12–2:7. The passage gives us three boundaries that should guard our relationships to protect us from temptation and sin. The first boundary is the boundary of respect and honor (v. 15). What does it mean to respect and honor the opposite gender? How do you show your respect to someone of the opposite gender? What happens when we cross the boundary of respect and honor? When you look into your own actions, would you consider what you do as respectful and honoring? How is one's reputation affected by the way we treat the opposite gender?
3. The second boundary we should have is the boundary of safety and security (v. 2:1-4). Do you agree with the statement "If you want to change the attitude, lavish him/her with words of encouragement"? Why are our words important to making someone feel safe and secure? How about words of flattery? Why is safety and security important, and how do you treat someone with action affirmation? Do you feel safe and secure in your relationships with someone of the opposite gender? What terms of endearment do you use, and how does it affect your sense of security in your relationship? Were there instances when you got involved in abusive relationships? How did you deal with it?

4. The third boundary we should have is the boundary of holiness and purity (v. 2:5-7). What does "Do not awaken love until it so desires" mean? How do you stay free from sexual temptations? What practical boundaries do you uphold in order to protect yourself from impurities? What would be the consequences if one crosses the boundary of holiness and purity? Why do you think is love and impurity contradictory?

*Walk*

Contrary to what our culture today teaches, putting up boundaries in our relationship with the opposite gender is not restrictive but advantageous. These boundaries will safeguard us from sin and temptation and will protect our credibility and reputation from malicious rumour which Satan will exploit to destroy our walk with God and our ministry in the church. How are you upholding the three boundaries mentioned in this week's sermon? If you want to honor God but is struggling in the aspect of boundaries, ask someone—a mature Christian friend, counselor or mentor with whom you can be completely honest, to help you set up and uphold these boundaries so that you can choose to honor God in your relationships.

*Worship & Prayer*

Pray for...

- Wisdom to keep a healthy God-designed boundary in every relationship.
- Blessings for all EV2 evangelism teams. Salvation of those who hear the Gospel.
- Wisdom and strength for the preparation of the Chancel Choir Cebu trip.
- Healing for L. Chua, Rosa Siy, KYC, SET, IB, MC and his grandma, Mr. King.
- For RS and the family of a brother in Christ to see and accept the Gospel.
- Peaceful resolution of GVD's conflict.
- Comfort, grace and salvation for the bereaved family of Tristan Ong.