

That Thing Called Love #8

Commitments

Word

Scripture Reference

Song of Solomon 8:5-14

Discussion Questions

1. Share about the things to which you are committed no matter your situation. Why are you so committed to these things?
2. The fast-paced lifestyle of the digital culture we live in developed in us little patience; and we give up and get upset easily and tend to bail out at the first sight of trouble. Put simply, we have a problem with commitment. Read Song of Solomon 8:5-14. In this passage we learn of three biblical principles on what you must develop in order to keep a relational commitment, especially to a spouse. The first principle is that you must have a perspective of oneness. Verse 5 figuratively tells us that Solomon and his wife are coming out of trials as an inseparable couple in spite of the difficulties in their married life. In your case, what has been the biggest trial in your relationship with a friend or spouse? How did you solve your problem? Discuss how the belief of oneness can help a couple (or friends) in dealing with their problems and remain together regardless of difficulties.
3. What did God promise as far as our relationship with Him is concerned? Would trials and difficulties separate us from Him? How does being “stuck with God” give you assurance and security in your walk with Him?
4. Secondly, in order to be committed, you must have a view of a rightfully jealous owner (v. 6-7). How did Solomon’s wife express her desire for Solomon to seal his ownership of her? When is jealousy between couples right? How do you protect your friendship or

married relationship from anything that might compromise it? Examine your heart. Is there anything or anyone you consider worth destroying your marriage (or friendship) for?

5. Thirdly, in order to keep being committed in your relationship, you must have a heart that longs for each other (v. 8-14). Describe Solomon’s wife’s relationship with her brothers. How did Solomon and his wife meet? How would walking down memory lane and talking about your love story help strengthen a relationship? Discuss ways couples can rekindle their love for one another.

Walk

The lessons on commitment are not only for spouses, but also for our relationship with the Lord. Ask yourself these questions:

- Do I have oneness in Christ?
- Do I guard my relationship with Him?
- In my heart, do I yearn to be with Him?

We need God to break us so He can set us in place to be in a loving relationship with Him.

Worship & Prayer

Father, You are the faithful God who is committed to being a loving Father to me. I want to be committed in following You, Lord. Help me see assurance that through Jesus Christ my Savior, I am Your precious child who will never be separated from You. Help me develop a heart that longs to be owned by You, knowing that Your desire is to always protect me. Search my heart, Lord, and if there is anything there that takes Your place, break it so that I may cultivate a desire to always draw closer to You, to know more about You, and to remember the unconditional love You gave me through Your Son Jesus Christ, in Whose name I pray. Amen.