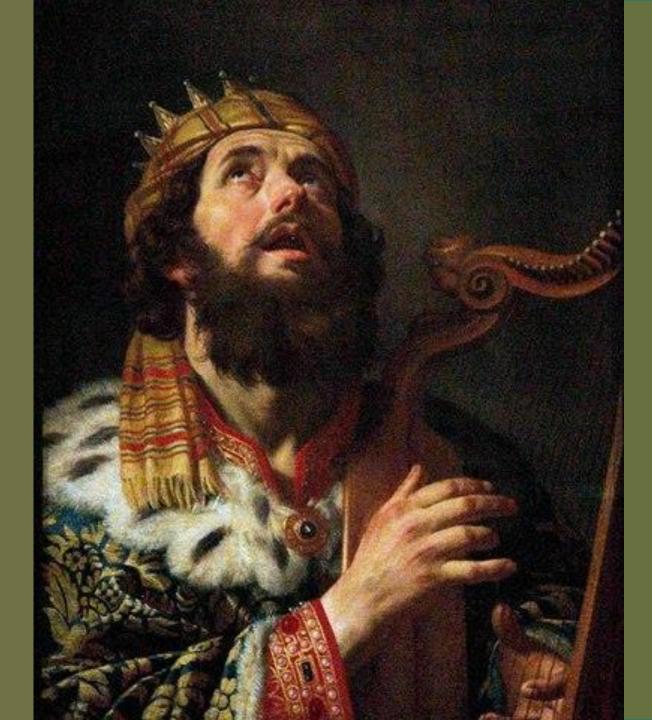
#### SONG of SOLOMON

## Relational Investment

SONG OF SONGS / SONG OF SOLOMON 5:6-16

## King Solomon







Just as a couple must invest in their relationship, believers must also invest in their relationship with God.



### 6 I opened for my beloved, but my beloved had left; he was gone. My heart sank at his departure. I looked for him but did not find him. I called him but he did not answer.



7 The watchmen found me as they made their rounds in the city. They beat me, they bruised me; they took away my cloak, those watchmen of the walls!

# Marriages get into trouble when spouses are 'distant' . . . whether:

- Physically
- Emotionally
- Both!

## So . . . be 'INTENTIONAL'



### 8 Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you — if you find my beloved, what will you tell him? Tell him I am faint with love.

## Faint with Love:

- 1. Solomon is her 'Love' and the Centerpiece of her life
- 2. Nothing/Nobody can compare
- 3. Given herself to completely to him
- 4. Her deep affection for him



#### 9 How is your beloved better than others, most beautiful of women? How is your beloved better than others, that you so charge us?

## **Central Commitment:**

## **Devotion to the Lord**

- Growing in God's love for them, and
- Expressing it in their relationship with each other

**10 My beloved is radiant and ruddy, outstanding among ten thousand.** 

11 His head is purest gold; his hair is wavy and black as a raven.

12 His eyes are like doves by the water streams, washed in milk, mounted like jewels.



- 13 His cheeks are like beds of spice yielding perfume. His lips are like lilies dripping with myrrh.
- 14 His arms are rods of gold set with topaz. His body is like polished ivory decorated with lapis lazuli.

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15 His legs are pillars of marble set on bases of pure gold. His appearance is like Lebanon, choice as its cedars.

16 His mouth is sweetness itself; he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, this is my friend, daughters of Jerusalem.

## **Question:**

In what ways do you notice Christian couples expressing their <u>devotion</u> to each other?

