

Deeply Rooted & Overflowing Love's Response

Song of Songs 8

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Introduction

What are appropriate responses to the awesome and overwhelming love that we have been shown and given in Christ Jesus?

Love's Learned Dependence (5a)

How are we learning and practicing our dependence?

Ways we practice our dependence on God...

1. P
2. B
3. P
4. F

Love's Fruitful Maturation (5b)

Love's Resilient Endurance (6-7)

Further Study

2 Tim. 3:16-17

Ex. 6:2-8
Ex. 19:8; 24:3
1 Pet. 2:11-12

Gal. 5:22-23
Jn. 15

SoS 6:3, 2:16, 7:10
Jn. 1:11-13
Eph. 5:22-33
Phil. 2:1-11
Rev. 22:20

Next Week: Pastor Bob Reid

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<p style="text-align: center;">Deeply Rooted & Overflowing Love's Response Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Song of Songs 8</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with Prayer -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – Song of Songs 8</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss or journal about the joys and challenges involved with understanding poetic, figurative, and even allegorical language in the Scriptures. What makes works like the Song of Songs fun to explore, but intimidating to interpret and/or understand? 2. In verse 5a, the woman is coming up from the wilderness as she is leaning on her Beloved. How could this be an image of the Church and Jesus? Learning dependence and reliance on the Lord is an important component of our spiritual formation. What are some ways that we practice our dependence or reliance on God? 3. Garden language, and fresh, ripe, mature fruit become a key theme in Song of Songs. A love that is maturing produces fruit. Explore John 15, and Galatians 5:22-23 together. Discuss or journal about the fruit of true discipleship. What should we expect to see in the life of someone who is learning and practicing the habit of dependence on God? 4. Belonging is also an important component of cultivating intimacy with Jesus. What are some of the identities, or places of belonging, that this world, or our surrounding culture call us to embrace or identify with? What is our most valuable and important identity? (Jn. 1:11-13) How does knowing the priority of our identity help us to live with resilience, and motivate the endurance we need to continue for God's glory? 5. The call of response at the end of Song of Songs (8:13-14) leaves us with a sense of anticipation. As the Lover listens for the voice of his Beloved, she calls out, "come back quickly." Where can we see and hear the voice of the Church calling to her Bridegroom in this exchange? (Rev. 22:20). <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Further Study</u></p> <p>2 Tim. 3:16-17 Ex. 6:2-8 Ex. 19:8; 24:3 1 Pet. 2:11-12 Gal. 5:22-23 Jn. 15 SoS 6:3, 2:16, 7:10 Jn. 1:11-13 Eph. 5:22-33 Phil. 2:1-11 Rev. 22:20</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>