

## ***Enter the Romance***

Old Testament Challenge - Week of August 8

### **Bible Text:**

Song of Songs

### **Theme:**

The Song of Songs is a celebration of God's plan for romantic and sexual intimacy in the covenant of a marriage relationship. No matter how the world misuses God's good gifts, He always has the power and desire to restore us to His original plan.

### **Daily Readings:**

- Monday – Song of Songs 1
- Tuesday – Song of Songs 2
- Wednesday – Song of Songs 3
- Thursday – Song of Songs 4
- Friday – Song of Songs 5
- Saturday – Song of Songs 6
- Sunday – Song of Songs 7

### **Bible Memory Verse:**

*We rejoice and delight in You; we will praise Your love more than wine.* Song of Songs 1:4

### **Personal Reflection:**

1. God celebrates romance and sexual intimacy in marriage. Why do you think this is so important in a marriage?
  
2. What would you say are the barriers to fulfilling romance and satisfying sexual intimacy in a marriage? How do we get beyond these barriers?
  
3. Why do you think God limits sexual intimacy to the covenant of a marriage between one man and one woman?

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Does it surprise you that God includes an entire book in the Bible about romance and sex? Explain. What does this tell you about God?
2. God created sex to be a gift as we celebrate our love in a marriage. In what ways has the world distorted and misused this good gift?
3. What would you say to someone who is misusing God's good gift of sex?

**Action Challenge:**

If you are married, look for ways to celebrate your marriage through communication, romance, and sexual intimacy. If you are not married, ask God for strength to withstand the temptation to compromise or misuse His good gift.