

Catalyst Home Group

Discussion Questions • 12/6-12/10, 09

Song of Songs 6:13-8:4

Intro/Review • “Sexually Generous”

In quite possibly the hottest and most sexually explicit chapter of the Bible, Solomon's wife dances the famous “Dance of Mahanaim”: A ancient strip tease. Yes...a strip tease is described in the Bible. This is yet another example of a beautifully free and sexually generous wife. This week, Chris examined what helps and what hinders sexual generosity with our bodies, minds, and hearts.

Discussion Questions:

[1] What questions do you have from Sunday's sermon? What stood out to you? What confused you?

[2] Think back to week 1 of our series and say whether you tend to view sex as “gross”, “god”, or “gift”.

[3] **Read Song of Songs 6:13b-8:4.** First of all, why is this even in the Bible- in your opinion?

Note: The Dance of Mahaneim , or the dance of two companies, was named after the place where Jacob's company met Esau's army. It's also the place where Jacob wrestled with the angel (Gen. 32:24-32) It is, in essence, a dance that was so sexual it would elicit the same male response as looking on two companies (armies) engaging in battle. You can't turn your eyes away and you don't want it to ever end. Her beauty, as she bears it all for him, is described by her lover, her friend, her husband.

[4] What do you think contributes to a healthy sex life in marriage? What hinders it?

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Discussion Questions Continued...

[5] What is so amazing about the way he describes his wife? How do encouraging words and affirmation increase intimacy & vulnerability?

[6] Read v.10 again. What does it mean for one's desire to be solely for his/her spouse? What does it mean, for you, to be desired by someone?

[7] Again in 8:4, we see the woman give a charge to single women. “Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires!” Why does the Bible emphatically ask us to wait to be sexually free until marriage?

[8] How can being sexually free before marriage inhibit intimacy in marriage?

[9] What can you do this week to help your spouse feel more desired and free?