



A Romantic Night to Remember

Song of Solomon 4:1–5:1 • September 20th, 2026

BIG IDEA

God wrote an entire chapter of Scripture on married intimacy — Song of Solomon 4 teaches a husband and wife how to compliment, comfort, crave, and give themselves fully to one another, God's way.

OUTLINE

In Song of Solomon 4:1–5:1, Solomon shows a husband how to lead his wife into intimacy that is...

1. Compliment in the Marriage Bed (v.1–6) — he praises what he sees, unhurried and patient.
2. Comfort in the Marriage Bed (v.7–8) — he protects her and makes the bedroom a safe place.
3. Craving in the Marriage Bed (v.9–12) — desire is kindled, returned, and kept alive over time.
4. Consummation in the Marriage Bed (v.13–5:1) — intimacy is fully given, received, and celebrated as God's gift.

CALL TO RESPOND

1. Compliment each other — let your words build up, not just when you want something.
2. Comfort each other — practice “loveplay,” not just foreplay: get her emotionally ready long before the bedroom.
3. Crave each other — never stop investing in pursuit; don't let five years turn effort into sweatpants and silence.
4. Get creative — practice tasteful bedroom language, dress for each other, and keep surprising one another.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. In the sermon, a wife told her husband, “You only say nice things when you want something.” How can couples make sure affirming words are a regular habit, not just a means to an end?
2. The sermon distinguished “foreplay” from “loveplay” — the idea that getting a spouse emotionally ready starts hours (even a whole day) before the bedroom. What does that kind of care look like practically, day to day?
3. Why does desire so often fade over time in a marriage — not because love is gone, but because couples “stop doing what they did at first”? What's one thing you did early in your relationship that you could pick back up?
4. Solomon uses careful, poetic language rather than crude or clinical language to describe intimacy. Why might the words a couple uses with each other matter as much as their actions?

DIRECT APPLICATION

1. Are you complimenting and comforting your spouse throughout the day — through words, attentiveness, and care — or mainly in the bedroom?



- a. If this is going well, share one practice that's helped you keep pursuing your spouse outside the bedroom.
 - b. If you're struggling, confess this honestly and name one concrete step to take this week.
 - c. As a group, commit to checking in with one another on this in the weeks ahead.
2. This week's homework is to go on a date and invent your own "love language" or code words as a couple. Share one idea you might try, and pray for one another's marriages before you leave.