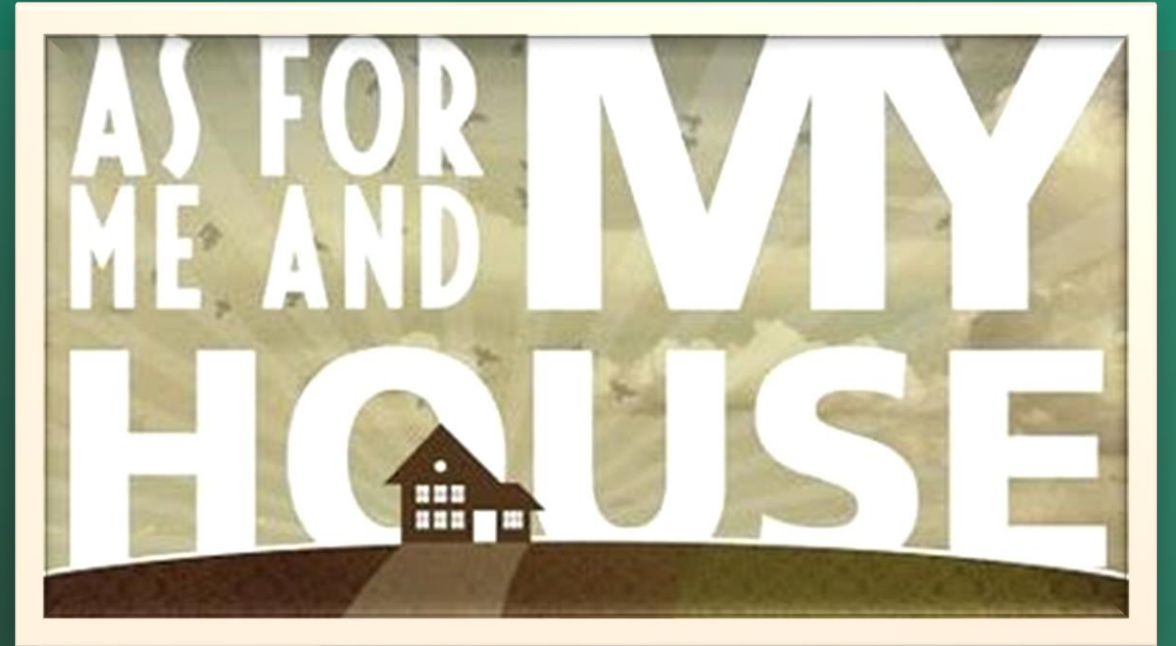


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# Singleness And Dating



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## *Song of Solomon 2 (ESV)*

*8 The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes, leaping over the mountains, bounding over the hills. 9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Behold, there he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, looking through the lattice. 10 My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away, 11 for behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone."*

## *Song of Solomon 2 (ESV)*

*12 “The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. 13 The fig tree ripens its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away. 14 O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the crannies of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.”*

## *Song of Solomon 2 (ESV)*

*15 “Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that spoil the vineyards, for our vineyards are in blossom. 16 My beloved is mine, and I am his; he grazes among the lilies. 17 Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, turn, my beloved, be like a gazelle or a young stag on cleft mountains.”*

# Dating



Then



Now

# Dating

- Indoor movies
- Drive-in movies
- Rock concerts (Woodstock, Saratoga, Memorial Auditorium)
- Saturday night dances at Rice
- Parties (basement & fraternity)
- Food (Lure, Al's, creamies)
- Baseball games (Expos in Montreal)
- Basketball games (Rice & UVM)
- Hockey games (UVM)
- Fishing
- Ice skating
- Ferry rides
- Bowling
- Picnics



# Love Seasons

Finding love in unlikely places



# Seasons

- Song of Solomon – Right way to pursue
- Winter (Preparation)
  - Deepen relationship with the Lord
  - Only God can fill our need
- Spring (Infatuation)
  - “The one”
  - Based on feelings which can change
  - Growing in Christ
- “Looking for love in all the wrong places” – Gucci at K-mart

# Boundaries



Time



Talk



Touch

RELATIONSHIP

## Building Relationships

- Honest Communication – No secrets
- Transparency – No masks
- Share feelings
- Nurture relationship with God
- Marriage Encounter

## Words of Wisdom

- “If you want a relationship like everyone else, live like everyone else.”
- “Don’t feel bad about past mistakes.”
- “God doesn’t bless sinful lifestyles.”
- “Our past doesn’t have to be our future.”

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