

### Part 2: An Intimate Conversation October 15 & 16, 2016 Grant Fishbook, Lead Teaching Pastor

The Lover: King Solomon

The Beloved: Shulamite Woman - Naamah

The Story: Song of Solomon 1:5-7

She: Dark am I, yet lovely, daughters of Jerusalem, dark like the tents of Kedar, like the tent curtains of Solomon. <sup>6</sup> Do not stare at me because I am dark, because I am darkened by the sun.

My mother's sons were angry with me and made me take care of the vineyards; my own vineyard I had to neglect.

Tell me, you whom I love, where you graze your flock and where you rest your sheep at midday.

Why should I be like a veiled woman beside the flocks of your friends?

The Hope: Accept me

The Plea: Don't judge me

## The art of listening, understanding, and leading to a better place: (Song of Solomon 2:1-2)

**She:** I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.

**He:** Like a lily among thorns is my darling among the young women.

### The road to intimacy begins with words that are:

**Loving** Love and faithfulness meet together;

righteousness and peace kiss each other. - Psalm 85:10

**Kind** She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of

kindness is on her tongue. Proverbs 31:26

<u>Gentle</u> A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs

up anger. Proverbs 15:1

**Understanding** A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in

expressing his opinion. Proverbs 18:2

# It's possible to have a very <u>direct</u> conversation while maintaining a godly heart.

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. - Colossians 4:6

The moral of the story is not that every girl needs a Prince Charming.

The moral of the story is that everyone needs a <u>Prince of Peace</u>.

### **Next Steps**

Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts, Are you engaged or heading in that direction? Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts has helped millions of couples over more than 20 years. In this 4 session class, couples receive a personalized relationship inventory, learn practical relationship skills, and become better prepared for a lifetime together. See details in CTK Life and register today at the Connection Point or online at www.ctk.church.

4 Tuesday Evenings starting October 25 • 6:30-8:00 PM

Who God Made You to Be, taught by former CTK pastor Mark Warren, will help you uncover your personal passion, purpose and spiritual gifts. Read more in CTK Life. Register today at the Connection Point or online at www.ctk.church. Friday, October 21 • 6-9 PM and Saturday, October 22 • 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work offers time-tested, research based, proven principles for helping any marriage get better, no matter how good (or bad) it is. Read more in CTK Life and register today at the Connection Point or online at www.ctk.church.

Friday, November 18 • 6-9 PM and Saturday, November 19 • 8:30 AM-1:00 PM

#### **Small Group Questions**

- 1) What's your favorite love story told in a movie or book? (I'm not ashamed to say that mine is "The Notebook!")
- 2) Have you ever felt judged? What did you do with the incorrect judgement of people?
- 3) We all want to be accepted for who we are. Share a piece of who you are or a part of your story that most people would not know.
- 4) Review the four qualities of a godly conversation. Which one is the most difficult for you? Which one is the easiest for you? If you're married, which characteristic tends to fall away first when you're angry?
- 5) Where do you see Jesus in the story of Song of Solomon?
- 6) How can we pray for your right now and throughout the week?