

Love Songs
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Love Songs: More than Words. What it means to experience love as God intended: body, soul, and spirit.

We heard the song "More than Words". Romantic can be defined as displaying or expressing love or strong affection. For some it's cooking a romantic dinner for two, for others it's a moonlight walk, or a sunset picnic. What is your idea of romantic?

- **Experiencing love requires more than words:** Read 1 John 3:18

Josh reminded us of Pastor Greg's "Give Love Away" series. He reminded us that love is spelled TIME, love is spelled MONEY (Matthew 6:21), and he challenged us to start the conversation that love is also spelled SEX (Genesis 2:20-25, 4:1). *Share your experiences with the "Give Love Away" series. In your experience is the church comfortable or uncomfortable with love spelled as SEX?*

- **God created sex to be an expression of love for a married man and woman:**

Josh reminded us that God made the ENTIRE body of man and woman (Genesis 2:20b-25). He showed that sex was created for procreation (Genesis 4:1), for proclamation (Revelation 19), for recreation (Song of Solomon), and for connection and reconnection (Genesis 2:24-25). Josh suggested 1 Corinthians 7 for singles (note v.32-35) and 1 Corinthians 7:4-5 for married persons. *If you are single (or recall when you were single) share how God is using/used this special season in your life. Are you surprised by any of these verses or books?*

- **Satan distorted sex to be an expression of lust.**

Josh used imagery from Exodus 15:9 in discussing lust. He reminded us that the strongest, the wisest, and the man after God's own heart fell victim. See Proverbs 6:32, 1 Corinthians 6:18. Job offered: "I have made a covenant with my eyes..." (Job 31:1-4)

- **Josh gave us four practical suggestions when it comes to sex married or not:**

1. Put sex in its place: Biblical love is more than words and more than sex, it requires body, soul, and spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:23, Mark 12:30, Genesis 2:20b-25). 2. Embrace your differences: we have to be patient with one another (Genesis 1:27, Ephesians 5:15-28). 3. Get rid of the secrets (Hebrews 13:4, Proverbs 28:13): "The reason we fear the consequences of confession is because we have yet to realize the consequences of concealment" Andy Stanley. 4. Continue the conversation (1 Corinthians 7:4-5): It's God's will that in every marriage each couple love each other with an absorbing spiritual emotional, and physical attraction that continues to grow throughout their life time.

NEXT STEPS

Available to you: Marriage Café – March 12th

Books: Unmarried: **Passion & Purity** by Elizabeth Elliot

Married: **Love Life for Every Married Couple** by Ed Wheat M.D. or **Red Hot Monogamy** by Bill & Pam Farrel

Consider the bible verses and biblical truths Josh presented today. Do any speak to an area of your life concerning love as God intended?