



▶ ReView

Sarah described the tension she felt because people looked at her as a strong Christian, and she knew she was otherwise. Have you felt this kind of tension? How do you respond?

Do you compare yourself to other women and feel dissatisfied, like Crystal did? What contributes to this issue in your life?

Are there people in your life, like Shulamith's family that Lisa described, who make you feel insecure in your relationship with God? How do you usually respond or react? How does Shulamith's response encourage you?

▶ Bible Exploration

Luke 15:11-12: Which character do you most relate to? Which do you most sympathize with?

Luke 15:13-16: How have you been like the son? When have you wasted the blessings God has given you?

Luke 15:17-19: How does the son feel about himself? About his father?

Luke 15:20-24: How would you describe the father's feelings about this son during his absence and on his return?

What is different about being accepted as merely a *servant* of God and being accepted as a *child* of God?

What commonalities do you see between yourself and the prodigal son? Can a person feel undeserving of God's love even without living in great sin? Do you feel like a servant or a daughter?

Luke 15:25-32: What do you imagine are the brother's feelings about his younger brother? About his father? Is he feeling like a beloved son—or maybe more like a servant? Why?

Think back to the two women we met in the video: Sarah and Crystal. Who was more like the prodigal son, and who was more like the older brother? Which of the two brothers are you more like? How are the father's words to each of his sons comforting to you?



Isaiah 49:14-16: What do the people of Israel believe about God?

Several translations use words like “engrave” and “tattoo” to describe what God does with our names in the palm of His hand. How does it make you feel to know that God has you permanently in His hands?

Song of Solomon 8:6-7: What would it mean that Solomon placed Shulamith “like a seal over his heart”?

What are some of the things Shulamith compares love to?

What is this saying about love? What does the end of verse 7 tell us about God’s love for us?

Take a few minutes to skim these eight short chapters and pull out highlights:

Which part of the story spoke to you the most in your present situation?

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Write down two verses to meditate on during the next week: one verse expressing God’s love for you and one verse expressing your love for God.

▶ Deeper Walk

Select at least one activity below to complete during the next week.

- **Music:** Find a recording of the old hymn “In the Garden.” Listen to it and sing it back to the Lord in a moment of private worship.
- **Memorization:** Choose a passage from Song of Solomon that you find particularly meaningful: one that demonstrates God’s love for you or one that voices your love for God. Memorize it and use it to meditate on the relationship you want to grow with Christ.
- **Journal:** Write a love letter to Jesus. Forget the churchy language you’re used to using when speaking to the Almighty. Write to Jesus as if you were writing a passionate love letter to your beloved husband.
- **Read:** *What Every Girl Wants*, by Lisa Harper, for further study of the book of Song of Solomon.
- **Pray:** Ask the Lord daily to fill your heart with a greater passion for Him and to reveal His great passion for you.