

# MESSAGE NOTES

Explicit Lyrics series

“Act 2: Sparks Fly”

Song of Songs 1:12-2:16

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They both feel \_\_\_\_\_ ... he feels no fear of thorns, no sharp jabs from her ... she fears no heat, no pressure, no intimidation from him ... they have \_\_\_\_\_ to be themselves, to be \_\_\_\_\_ for who they really are, and to talk openly and honestly.

Jesus said, You are the light of the world ... healthy \_\_\_\_\_ burn bright and give hope ... they are a picture to the watching world of what \_\_\_\_\_ God-like love looks like.

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# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of February 16, 2025

## OPENING DISCUSSION \_\_\_\_\_

1. What stood out to you the most from this message? Why do you think that part resonated with you?
2. In the sermon, Rusty talked about the importance of having an “En Gedi” in relationships—a place of peace and refreshment. How would you describe a relationship that provides that kind of refuge?

## BIBLICAL REFLECTION \_\_\_\_\_

1. Solomon and Beloved both affirm and praise each other. Why is encouragement important in relationships? How can we be intentional in building each other up with our words? (**Proverbs 16:24, Ephesians 4:29**)
2. The sermon warns against a critical tongue in relationships. What does **James 3:5-10**, say about the power of our words?
3. Beloved recognizes that passion must be guided by wisdom and patience. According to **Song of Solomon 2:7, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5**, how should we approach love and relationships with self-control?
4. The idea of “foxes” in relationships represents small issues that can ruin love if ignored. What are some of these “foxes,” that creep in from time to time?

What do the following verses teach us about addressing them?

- **Song of Solomon 2:15**
- **Colossians 3:13-14**

## PERSONAL APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_

1. Solomon and Beloved's relationship is marked by security, trust, and mutual respect. How does this compare with the world's view of romance?

How can we model that kind of love in our own relationships, whether it be our spouse, friendship, or family members?

2. The sermon ends with a challenge to build relationships that "burn bright" with godly fire. What steps can you take this week to strengthen your relationship with God and with those you love? (**Galatians 5:22-23**)

## PRAYER REQUESTS \_\_\_\_\_