

## The Bride's Tender Appeal - Song 7:10-8:4

**Topics:** Acceptance, Affections, Affirmation, Caring, Desires, Emotions, Feelings, Friendship, Husbands, Love, Marriage, Relationships, Security, Sex, Wives

### Open It

- \* 1. What makes a person feel secure in a relationship?
- 2. What makes a person feel insecure in a relationship?
- 3. When do you think it is OK for a woman to take the initiative in a relationship?

### Explore It

- \* 4. To whom did the Beloved say she belonged? (7:10)
- 5. Where did the Beloved want to go to spend the night? (7:11)
- 6. Why did the Beloved want to go to the vineyards? (7:12)
- 7. What did the Beloved say that the mandrakes sent out? (7:13)
- 8. What had the Beloved stored up for her Lover? (7:13)
- 9. Whom did the Beloved wish her Lover was like? Why? (8:1)
- \* 10. Where did the Beloved say she would take her Lover? (8:2)
- \* 11. What did the Beloved say about her Lover's arms? (8:3)
- 12. What charge did the Beloved give to the Daughters of Jerusalem? (8:4)

### Get It

- 13. How would you describe this relationship between husband and wife?
- \* 14. In what way do married people belong to one another?
- 15. What does the fact that the Beloved felt comfortable with taking the initiative suggest about the couple's relationship?
- 16. During what season did these events take place?
- 17. Why might the Beloved wish her Lover were like a brother to her so that she could kiss him outside without being despised by others?
- \* 18. What feeling about their relationship might the Beloved's description of her Lover's arms suggest?

### Apply It

- 19. What can you do this week to deepen your relationship with your spouse?
- \* 20. How can you make your spouse feel loved, accepted, and secure this week?