

# Sermon Series: Song of Us – Week 2

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“Better than you imagined. Exactly what you were made for.”



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## Introduction

As we continue our study in the Song of Solomon, we are reminded that God’s design for relationships is not only beautiful—it is intentional. In a culture that often rushes relationships and prioritizes the physical, Scripture calls us to a different path—one that leads to something deeper, stronger, and lasting.

Many relationships fail not because people don’t care, but because they are built in the wrong order. When the foundation is off, everything built on top becomes unstable. Today we will look at both the destructive order the world promotes and the proper order God designs.

## Key Scriptures

Song of Solomon 1:8–14; 1:16–17; 2:1–7

Romans 8:1 – “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

## The Problem: A Destructive Order

In today’s secular society, relationships are often built in the wrong order—starting with intimacy and leaving the most important elements for later, if they are considered at all.

Destructive Order:

- Intimacy → Chemistry → Reality → Circle → Faith

This order places physical connection first and spiritual foundation last. The result is often confusion, emotional hurt, and instability. When intimacy leads, it clouds judgment. Chemistry can feel strong, but without a foundation, it cannot sustain a relationship through real-life challenges.

## **God's Design: Building the Right Foundation**

God's design reverses this order. Instead of rushing into connection, He calls us to build intentionally, step by step, with the right priorities in place.

### **The Proper Order for Building Blocks**

#### **1. FAITH – The Foundation**

Faith must be the foundation of any healthy relationship. This means more than simply identifying as a Christian—it means a genuine, growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

Looking at a potential partner's faith should not be a checkbox exercise. Ask deeper questions: Do they pursue God consistently? Do they live out their faith? Is Christ central in their decisions?

Without a shared spiritual foundation, everything else will eventually feel misaligned.

#### **2. CIRCLE – Invite Wise Counsel**

Healthy relationships are not built in isolation. Inviting a trusted circle of counselors—friends, mentors, and spiritual leaders—brings clarity and accountability.

Consider your circle: Are they people of faith? Will they challenge you, or just affirm what you want to hear? God often uses others to reveal what we cannot see on our own.

#### **3. REALITY – Assess Honestly**

At this stage, you evaluate the relationship for what it truly is—not what you hope it will become.

Ask honest questions:

- Do you actually enjoy being around this person?
- Is there peace or constant tension?
- What “fragrance” is produced when you are together—joy, encouragement, and growth, or stress and confusion?

This stage requires time and visibility. Healthy relationships are lived out in the open, not hidden in isolation.

#### 4. CHEMISTRY – Develop Naturally

Chemistry is not ignored—it is simply not prioritized first. When built on the right foundation, attraction and emotional connection grow in a healthy way.

Be intentional, not intense. Intensity often rushes what should develop over time. Ambiguity, on the other hand, is selfishness dressed up as caution—it keeps the other person in uncertainty.

A healthy relationship should be edifying—building each other up spiritually, emotionally, and relationally.

#### 5. INTIMACY – The Final Outcome

Intimacy is God’s design, but it is meant to come last—not first. When intimacy is placed at the end of this process, it becomes a natural expression of trust, commitment, and covenant.

Following God’s order leads to a relationship that is not only fulfilling, but also sustainable and honoring to Him.

### **A Word of Grace – Romans 8:1**

For many, this message may bring conviction. But remember: “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

God’s grace meets us where we are. No matter your past or your current situation, you are not disqualified. You can begin again, aligning your relationships with God’s design starting today.

### **Application**

- Evaluate your current or future relationships—what order are they being built in?
- Prioritize your relationship with Jesus above all else.
- Invite trusted, godly voices into your decision-making process.
- Take time to honestly assess relationships instead of rushing forward.
- Commit to doing relationships God’s way, even when it is countercultural.

### **Conclusion**

God’s design for relationships is better than we imagine because it is rooted in truth, wisdom, and love. When we follow His order, we position ourselves for relationships that reflect His heart and endure over time.

Don't settle for what is easy or immediate. Build what is right, and trust God with the outcome.