

Reconcilable Differences

Love Song, Part 4

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(She)

I slept but my heart was awake. Listen! My beloved is knocking:

(He)

“Open to me, my sister, my darling, my dove, my flawless one. My head is drenched with dew, my hair with the dampness of the night.”

Song of Solomon 5:2

(She)

I have taken off my robe—must I put it on again? I have washed my feet— must I soil them again?

Song of Solomon 5:3

THE ROOT CAUSES OF CONFLICT

1) Unmet _____.

2) _____.

(She)

My beloved thrust his hand through the latch-opening; my heart began to pound for him. I arose to open for my beloved, and my hands dripped with myrrh, my fingers with flowing myrrh, on the handles of the bolt. I opened for my beloved, but my beloved had left; he was gone. My heart sank at his departure. I looked for him but did not find him. I called him but he did not answer.

Song of Solomon 5:4-6

TO RESOLVE CONFLICT

1. I WILL RESPOND AND NOT _____.

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:21

2. I WILL FOCUS ON THE GOOD AND NOT _____.

...whatever is true...noble...right...pure...lovely... admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

3. I WILL TALK AND NOT _____.

In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

Ephesians 4:26-27

You are as beautiful as Tirzah, my darling, as lovely as Jerusalem, as majestic as troops with banners.

Turn your eyes from me; they overwhelm me.

Song of Solomon 6:4-5

I went down to the grove of nut trees to look at the new growth in the valley.

Song of Solomon 6:11

For Discussion

1. What issue most easily turns into a fight for you?
2. Describe someone who is really good at reconciling differences.
What can you do to be great at it?
3. What will you do this week to restore a relationship damaged by fighting?

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*