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## **When the Ideal Meets the Real**

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***NOTE: There are more questions below than you are expected to answer. Please just choose a few that are relevant for your personal reflection & application.***

1. What was your major takeaway from the message this morning?
2. (Scale 1-10) How familiar are you with the euphemisms the Bible uses to express human love?  
How many can your group list?
3. Songs 5:2-8 uses powerful imagery for the consummation of the marriage. Yet, the language prepares both parties for the unexpected behavior of their partners. How has marriage, or your experience of it, shaped your thoughts about what it takes to make human love work?
4. "To find love the woman must become the hero in her own movie. She must be willing to face the threats of the night, overcome the city guards and even the seeming disinterest of her beloved." What advice would you give to a man/woman who shares this experience?
5. 1 Corinthians 7:2-5 contains at least three principles for the married couple. Can you find them?  
How relevant are these principles for intimacy in marriage today?
6. Is it possible to keep this kind of love alive for a lifetime?
7. What practical lessons can we draw from 1 Peter 3:1-4 about how important internal beauty is to attractiveness when external beauty fades?