

**Explicit Lyrics - Respect**  
Weekend Discussion Questions  
May 3-4, 2008

**Community:**

1. What's the worst date you've ever had?
2. What's the best date you've ever had?
3. What's your ideal date?

**Core:** (Turn in your Bible to Song of Songs 1:8 - 2:7)

1. Read out loud Song of Songs 1:8 - 2:7. What is your initial impression of what's going on in this couples relationship?
2. Read vs. 9. How was Solomon's comparison of his girlfriend to Pharaoh's mare a compliment?
3. Read 1:12 - 2:2. In what ways do you see this couple valuing one another?
4. How can you tell a dating relationship is healthy or not? What should be present in a dating relationship? What shouldn't be?
5. In what ways do you see a growing respect for one another in these verses?
6. Have you ever been in a relationship with someone who didn't respect you? What was that like?
7. In what ways can you see a growing level of romance in this couple's relationship?
8. How can romance be preserved and pursued in the context of a dating relationship?
9. Why do you think this woman's perspective on her own beauty and value has changed from what we studied last week?
10. In what ways have we seen Solomon esteem her?
11. Read 2:3-6. Where do you see symbolism of provision and protection?
12. Why are provision and protection important in the context of a relationship?
13. Why do you think this woman was so eager to have sex with her boyfriend? Was that wrong for her to feel that way?
14. Read 2:7. Jim explained this verse by saying it literally means, "not until it pleases, or fulfills righteousness" or "not until the right time and the right place." Why do you think sexual restraint is so difficult?
15. How does the Bible's teaching that we should not engage in sex outside of the context of marriage strike you? Old fashioned? Unrealistic? A good idea? A better way? Explain your answer.
16. Is it important for the man to initiate appropriate sexual boundaries in a dating relationship? Why? Or why not?
17. What is your overall impression of this book so far? What have you been learning?

**Challenge:**

1. (If you are currently in a dating relationship or are married) Do words like, "Regard, Respect, Romance and Restraint" describe your relationship? If not what does?
2. (if you are not in a relationship) What do you want your next dating relationship to be marked by?

