

Week 04
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Transforming Daily
“... the voice of my beloved ...”
Song of Solomon 2:8

The Shulamite expresses a “twitter-pated” (that’s Hebrew for liver quiver) giddiness, an extreme sense of inner joy, when she hears the voice of The Beloved and sees him on his way to her. Her description of how he is acting seems to convey the same level of interest from him toward her as she expresses toward him. She is moved to uncontrollable emotional and physical excitement, perhaps running from one side of the house to the other to get a better view of him as he approaches. The Beloved draws on The Shulamite’s romantic notions as he sustains the suspense of his arrival by standing behind the wall, peering through the lattice and windows. He playfully energizes her emotions as he builds anticipation for their meeting.

“Lucie, I’m home!” There isn’t anyone in America in the 60s, 70s and 80s, who had a television, that doesn’t recognize that greeting. Even now, in the 21st century, people around the world use those three words to greet their family and friends when walking into a room. If you listen close enough, you can even hear Desi Arnaz’s Cuban accent (unless you’re Cuban). Then right after that your mind will recall Lucille Ball bursting into the room (most of the time) to greet her husband with some level of intensified emotion because she was overly zealous to see him, made a huge mistake, misunderstood his motive (or words) regarding a particular matter, or was trying to manipulate him to see things her way. However, whatever the situation or circumstances it never dampened their zeal and warm affection for one another (at least on TV).

How does the sound of your spouse’s voice affect you? Do you enter a room announcing yourself to your spouse or children anticipating a warm reception? Do you offer a warm reception to your spouse or children when they walk into a room? Men, when you’re in public, or in a public setting, and your wife enters the room or approaches where you might be sitting, do you stand to honor her? What about for your daughter(s)? When you see your spouse approaching, what thoughts run through your mind? Are they romantic in nature? Are you still “gaga” or “twitter-pated” (does your husband or wife still make your liver quiver) for one another? When you hear your spouse drawing near, do you perk up and say, “Hey, that’s the voice of my beloved!”

Believer, when you read God’s Word and hear His voice through the pages of Scripture, are you spiritually, emotionally and physically moved? Are you spiritually “twitter-pated” toward God? Do you anticipate the time spent in Scripture reading and praying? When you read and study God’s Word, do you say, “Hey, that’s ‘the voice of my Beloved!’”