

“Igniting a Fire that Roars”

Genesis 2:21-25 NLT

So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the LORD God took out one of the man’s ribs and closed up the opening. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.

“**At last!**” the man exclaimed. “This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called ‘woman,’ because she was taken from ‘man.’”

This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and **the two are united into one**. Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.

Ingredients needed to ignite a loving fire that roars:

Honor

Trust

Respect

Honest

Humility

Sacrificial love

Song of Songs 1:12 NLT Young Woman

The king is lying on his couch, enchanted by the fragrance of my perfume.

Verse 13

My lover is like a sachet of myrrh lying between my breasts.

Verse 14

He is like a bouquet of sweet henna blossoms from the vineyards of En-gedi.

Verse 15 Young Man

How beautiful you are, my darling, how beautiful! Your eyes are like doves.

Verse 16 Young Woman

You are so handsome, my love, pleasing beyond words! The soft grass is our bed.

Song of Songs 2:1 NLT Young Woman

I am the spring crocus blooming on the Sharon Plain, the lily of the valley.

Verse 2 Young Man

Like a lily among thistles is my darling among young women.

Verse 3 Young Woman

Like the finest apple tree in the orchard is my lover among other young men. I sit in his delightful shade and taste his delicious fruit.

Nothing **extinguishes** the flames of a relationship like harsh words.

Verse 4

He escorts me to the banquet hall, it's obvious how much he loves me.

Verse 5

Strengthen me with raisin cakes, refresh me with apples, for I am weak with love.

Verse 6

His left arm is under my head, and his right arm embraces me.

Verse 7

Promise me, O women of Jerusalem, by the gazelles and wild deer, not to awaken love until the time is right.

Verse 15 Young Women of Jerusalem

Catch all the foxes, those little foxes, before they ruin the vineyard of love, for the grapevines are blossoming!

Foxes that ruin relationships:

Failure to appreciate male/female **differences**

Unrealistic expectations

Sexual **junk food**

Verse 16 Young Woman

My lover is mine, and I am his.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 NLT

Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.