

FACING YOUR FOXES: WHAT IS COMPROMISING YOUR RELATIONSHIPS?

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Key Verse: 2:15 *Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards.*

Song of Songs 2:8-16 (New International Version)

She: *Listen! My beloved! Look! Here he comes, leaping across the mountains, bounding over the hills. ⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look! There he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattice. ¹⁰ My beloved spoke and said to me, “Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me. ¹¹ See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. ¹² Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. ¹³ The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me.”*

He: *¹⁴ My dove in the clefts of the rock, in the hiding places on the mountainside, show me your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.*

She: *¹⁵ Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom. ¹⁶ My beloved is mine and I am his; he browses among the lilies.*

“Little Foxes destroy grapevines ... damaging the plants and preventing the vine’s full growth. In this case, the woman would be expressing her desire to deal with every obstacle that might prevent their relationship from progressing.”

-Teach the Text: ‘Song of Songs’ - Edward M. Curtis, Page 127.

1. Genesis chapters 1 & 2 pictures a man and woman with a rich connection to each other and God. Their relationship was designed to be rewarding in every way as they trusted God’s wisdom and leadership.

2. **We were designed to experience fulfillment in work and family.** *But sin and judgement make work difficult and family multiplication becomes a challenge.*

3. **We were designed to experience joy from a mutually supportive, transparent partnership.** *But sin turns us into individuals who blame others rather than taking responsibility & seeking to control relationships rather than partner in them.*

4. **How is God’s judgement Good News?** *Because in God’s goodness, He thwarts our efforts to find life apart from Him! Acts 4:12 “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”*

1. I know I compromise my relationships when I...

2. This week I’ll sit down with _____ & talk about the destructive habits that compromise my/our relationship.

Notes:
