

LET HIM

Solomon's Song of Songs. Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth-- for your love is more delightful than wine. Song of Solomon 1:1 & 2

The book of Song of Solomon starts off by declaring that it is the 'song of songs'. We would say today it is the best of the best. There are many songs / psalms recorded in scripture but this is the song of *all* songs!! Why? Because it is a perfect picture of the intimate relationship between a bride and a bridegroom...a picture of pure, married love. It is a book filled with tenderness, nurturing, and pleasure...a romantic novel; and we are the participants. Jesus is the bridegroom and we (the body of Christ) are His bride. Let me make it personal for you. This story is about *you* and *your* intimate relationship with *your* groom, Jesus. It's an amazing look into the heart of your beloved as He tells and demonstrates His love for you as written in the pages of this song.

After declaring that it is the 'song of songs', the writer gives us what I believe are the two most important words in the whole book. Let Him. The words "Let Him" identify the key to our entering the role of the bride in this journey. "Let Him" shows the surrender that must take place before we can experience intimacy with the bridegroom. Surrender is an act of our will. The definition of the word '*let*' is *to allow or permit: to allow to pass, go, or come: to grant the occupancy or use of; to cause to; make*. As we approach this intimate place with the Lord, we are told to allow or permit Him access...access to pass...free access to go and come as He pleases. We are granting Him the occupancy of our hearts. We are laying it all down in total surrender. We choose to become laid down lovers for our bridegroom King. Much like the wedding night, the level of our surrender will determine the depth of intimacy we experience. We can get a marriage license, have a wedding ceremony and say all the right words...the vows and the "I do's"... and we will be legally married. We can enjoy the reception and eat the finest foods at the wedding supper. The bride and bridegroom can enjoy each other's company throughout the celebration and even be fairly intimate during the first dance; but if the intimacy of the wedding night never takes place the most beautiful part of the union is missing...that place where the two become one flesh. The wedding night is the secret place that only the bride and groom share and it takes place out of the surrendering of ourselves to each other. Jesus desires our full surrender. He cries out for us to 'let Him' take us away to that private place.

I encourage you to read Song of Solomon again and again as it is the heartbeat of the Bridegroom Jesus for us. As you read it, take the time to stop and meditate on the words "Let Him". Surrender yourself fully to your role as the bride. Put no limits on the depth of the intimacy Jesus wants you to experience. Please do not allow yourself to stop with just the wedding ceremony. Enter in to the bridal chamber with your groom and allow Him complete access to come and go as He pleases. Grant Him the occupancy of your heart...those private places that no one knows about. Share your most intimate desires and secrets with Him and give Him permission to pass through those walls that have been built out of wounds and hurts. 'Let Him' whisper the secret plans He has for you. 'Let Him' sing you love songs. 'Let Him' speak personally to *you* all that is written in this song of all songs. 'Let Him kiss you with the kisses of His mouth.'

