



“Best Ways of Settling Differences Ever!”

Best Love Song Ever! Series

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*“I slept but my heart was awake. Listen! My beloved is knocking. ‘Open to me, my sister, my darling, my dove, my flawless one. My head is drenched with dew, my hair with the dampness of the night.’” Song of Solomon 5:2*

- *“I have taken off my robe – must I put it on again? I have washed my feet – must I soil them again?” Song of Solomon 5:3*

2 big causes of conflict:

- 1) **UNMET EXPECTATIONS**
- 2) **SELF-CENTEREDNESS**

*“My beloved thrust his hand through the latch-opening; my heart began to pound for him.” Song of Solomon 5:4*

- *Song of Solomon 5:5*
- *Song of Solomon 5:6*

Something very small, if left unchecked, can become something **VERY BIG**.

We shouldn't fight to win, but fight for **RESOLUTION**.

3 promises to resolve conflict:

- 1) I will **RESPOND**, not react.
  - *“Do not be overcome by evil, but **overcome evil with good**.” Romans 12:21*
  - We're not to try to change our spouse, but we're to let God change **US**.
  - What we do for our spouse is **PRAY**.
  - Your prayer may or may not change them, but your prayer always changes **YOU**.
- 2) I will focus on the **GOOD** not the bad
  - *Philippians 4:8*
- 3) I will **TALK**, not walk
  - *Ephesians 4:26-27*