

RECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES

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

THE ROOT 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. I arose to open for my beloved, and my hands dripped with myrrh, my fingers with flowing myrrh, on the handles of the bolt. I opened for my beloved, but my beloved had left; he was gone. My heart sank at his departure. I looked for him but did not find him. I called him but he did not answer. Song of Solomon 5:4-6

TO RESOLVE CONFLICT

• I WILL ACT AND NOT REACT.

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21

• I WILL FOCUS ON THE GOOD AND NOT THE BAD.

...whatever is true...noble...right...pure...lovely... admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Philippians 4:8

• I WILL TALK AND NOT WALK.

“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. Ephesians 4:26-27

I went down to the grove of nut trees to look at the new growth in the valley, to see if the vines had budded or the pomegranates were in bloom. Song of Solomon 6:11