

Wild at Heart – Week 2c

A Battle To Fight?

1. What is the biggest risk you've ever taken?

2. Rate yourself as a risk taker from 1 to 10 (1 low risk, 10 high risk)
(a) At Work : _____
(b) In Relationships : _____
3. What is God's battle to fight? Simply to stop people sinning? To silence heretics?

4. Would you agree that God's a risk taker?

A Beauty To Rescue

1. Considering "Song Of Songs" would you think God is a romantic?

2. Are you romantic with your wife/girlfriend? If you think so would she agree? If not, why not?

3. Does the "Song Of Songs" depiction of lovers bear any relation to your life? (Not for discussion tonight.)

From The Map

Field Notes

When God delivers his people out of the bondage of Egypt, Pharaoh doesn't just roll over and take it. He sends his entire army on chariots to slaughter the fleeing slaves—including the women and children. Let's pick up the story there:
Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.
The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea...
Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen... and the LORD swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived."
(Ex. 14:21—23, 26—28)

It is after this battle that the Israelites cheered, "The LORD is a warrior the LORD is his name" (Ex. 15:3).

WARNING!

This might be the most difficult "new thought" many men encounter—the idea that God has set up even his own life to involve immense risk. In saying that God has an adventure to live, I don't mean the world is chaotic, or out of control, or that somehow God's sovereignty is diminished. Far from it! Only a truly amazing God could set this world in motion and still never lose control. After all, doesn't he walk "on the wings of the wind" (Ps. 104:3 NKJV)? Could that be boring?

Let's look at a passage of the Song of Songs, where this passionate man is appreciatively working his way *up* his beloved:

Your graceful legs are like jewels,
the work of a craftsman's hands.
Your navel is a rounded goblet
that never lacks blended wine. [How does he know *that*?]
Your waist is a mound of wheat
encircled by lilies. [Meaning, a *feast*.]
How beautiful you are and how pleasing,
O love, with your delights!
Your stature is like that of the palm,
and your breasts like clusters of fruit.
I said, "I will climb the palm tree;
I will take hold of its fruit." [Whoa now!]

SONG OF SONGS 7:1—2, 6—8

Lord, you are more passionate and more fierce than I ever imagined. Open my eyes, show me your true nature, and show me your nature in me. I want your work in my life—O make me free, alive to fight the battles you bring me, to live the adventure, to rescue the beauty. Do this work in my soul, I pray, dear Christ. Amen.