

# It's Complicated

## Dating, Sex, Love & Marriage

The image shows a screenshot of the Facebook interface, specifically the 'Relationships' tab of a user's profile. The top navigation bar includes 'facebook', 'Profile edit', 'Friends', 'Networks', and 'Inbox'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Basic', 'Contact', 'Relationships', 'Personal', 'Education', 'Work', and 'Picture'. The 'Relationships' tab is active, and a dropdown menu is open for 'Relationship Status'. The dropdown menu lists several options: 'Married', 'Select Status:', 'Single', 'In a Relationship', 'Engaged', 'Married', 'It's Complicated' (which is highlighted in blue), and 'In an Open Relationship'. Below the dropdown, there are fields for 'Former Name:' and 'Interested in:'. The 'Interested in:' section has four checkboxes: 'Friendship', 'Dating', 'A Relationship', and 'Networking'. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Save Changes' and 'Cancel'.

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Basic Contact Relationships Personal Education Work Picture

Relationship Status: Married to...

Former Name:

Interested in:

Looking for:

- Friendship
- Dating
- A Relationship
- Networking

Save Changes Cancel

Part 2:

*Really* Getting to Know

Each Other

Song of Songs 2:8 – 3:5



# Ming & Mako's first date:



# The Song of Songs



# The Order of Getting to Know Someone

1 Physical Attractiveness

2 Personality

3 Character & Values

4 Core Commitment

# The Order of Importance

4 Physical Attractiveness

3 Personality

2 Character & Values

1 Core Commitment

# What is a serious dating commitment?

1. Just a step above 'friends with benefits'
2. A heartbreak waiting to happen
3. Something you need to do to learn more about yourself
4. A minor marriage in itself



She says:

<sup>2:8</sup> Listen! My beloved!

Behold, he is coming,

Climbing on the mountains,

Leaping on the hills!

<sup>9</sup> My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Behold, he is standing behind our wall,

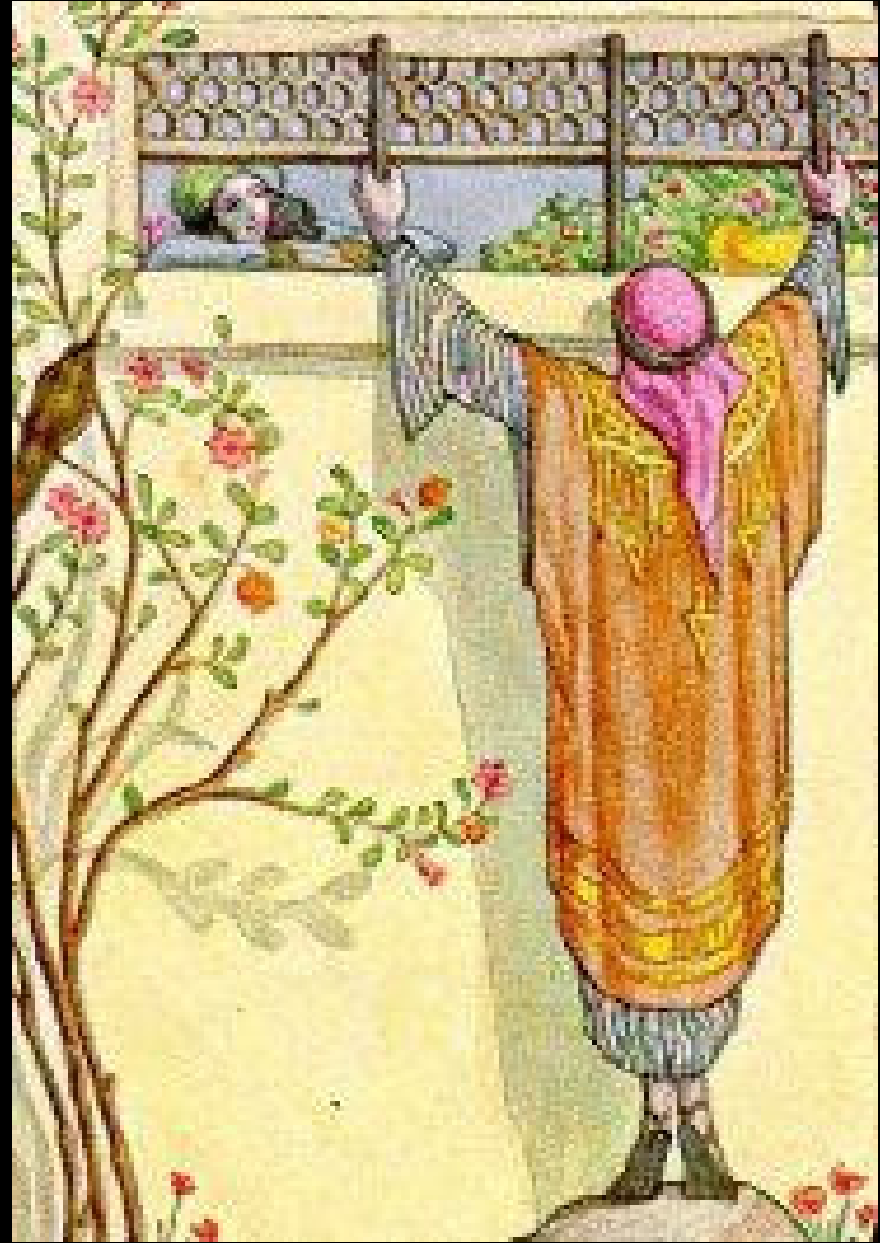


She says:

He is looking  
through the windows

He is peering  
through the lattice.

<sup>10</sup> My beloved  
responded and  
said to me,



He says:

‘Arise, my darling, my beautiful one,  
And come along.

<sup>11</sup> For behold, the winter is past,  
The rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup> The flowers have already appeared in the land;  
The time has arrived for pruning the vines,



He says:

And the voice of the turtledove has been heard  
in our land.

<sup>13</sup> The fig tree has ripened its figs,  
And the vines in blossom have given forth their  
fragrance.



He says:

Arise, my darling, my beautiful one,  
And come along!

<sup>14</sup> O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,  
In the secret place of the steep pathway,  
Let me see your form,  
Let me hear your voice;  
For your voice is sweet,  
And your form is lovely.'

He says:

Let me see your form, A

**Let me hear your voice;** B

**For your voice is sweet,** B

And your form is lovely. A

She says:

<sup>15</sup> Catch the foxes for us,  
The little foxes that are  
ruining the vineyards,

While our vineyards are in blossom.

<sup>16</sup> My beloved is mine, and I am his;  
He pastures his flock among the lilies.

<sup>17</sup> Until the cool of the day  
when the shadows flee away,  
Turn, my beloved, and be like a gazelle  
Or a young stag on the mountains of Bether.





# Why Dating is Discernment for Marriage

1. Marriage gives you a way to filter people
2. Marriage gives you something to grow towards
3. Marriage tells you whether or not you should break up

# The Order of Importance

4 Physical Attractiveness

3 Personality

2 Character & Values

1 Core Commitment

# Problems related to Core Commitment

- Core commitment is family
  - He's a "Mama's boy", she's a "Daddy's girl", etc.
- Core commitment is self
  - They want to achieve something not of God
  - They want to possess or control you

# Problems related to **Character & Values**

- Self-Centered: Not Christ-centered, afraid of Jesus, not motivated for his kingdom
- Unhealed: Pain from the past affects perceptions and judgment
- Double Life: Not one integrated person to everyone, unreliable character
- Spoiled Brat: Unable to make tradeoffs
- Overly Anxious: Unable to handle uncertainty
- Clingy: Easily jealous, distrustful
- Neglectful: Does not prioritize you
- Can't Wait: Has trouble with physical boundaries

# Problems related to Personality

- Differences of temperament
- A useful tool: the Meyers-Briggs Temperament Indicator
- <http://typellogic.com/>

She says:

<sup>3:1</sup> On my bed night after night I sought him  
Whom my soul loves;  
I sought him but did not find him.  
<sup>2</sup> 'I must arise now and go about the city;  
In the streets and in the squares  
I must seek him whom my soul loves.'  
I sought him but did not find him.



She says:

<sup>3</sup> The watchmen who make the rounds in the city  
found me,

And I said, 'Have you seen him whom my soul  
loves?'

<sup>4</sup> Scarcely had I left them

When I found him whom my soul loves;

I held on to him and would not let him go

Until I had brought him to my mother's house,

And into the room of her who conceived me.

He says:

<sup>5</sup> I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,  
By the gazelles or by the hinds of the field,  
That you will not arouse or awaken my love  
Until she pleases.