

It's Complicated

Dating, Sex, Love & Marriage

The image shows a screenshot of the Facebook 'Relationships' tab. The 'Relationship Status' dropdown menu is open, displaying the following options: 'Married', 'Select Status:', 'Single', 'In a Relationship', 'Engaged', 'Married', 'It's Complicated', and 'In an Open Relationship'. The 'It's Complicated' option is highlighted in blue. Below the dropdown, there are checkboxes for 'Interested in' (Friendship, Dating, A Relationship, Networking) and 'Looking for' (Friendship, Dating, A Relationship, Networking). The 'Save Changes' and 'Cancel' buttons are visible at the bottom right of the form.

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Basic Contact Relationships Personal Education Work Picture

Relationship Status: Married to...

Former Name:

Interested in:

Looking for:

Save Changes Cancel

Part 5:

A Married Reflection on

Young Romance

Song of Songs 8:5 – 14

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The Song of Songs



The Friends say:

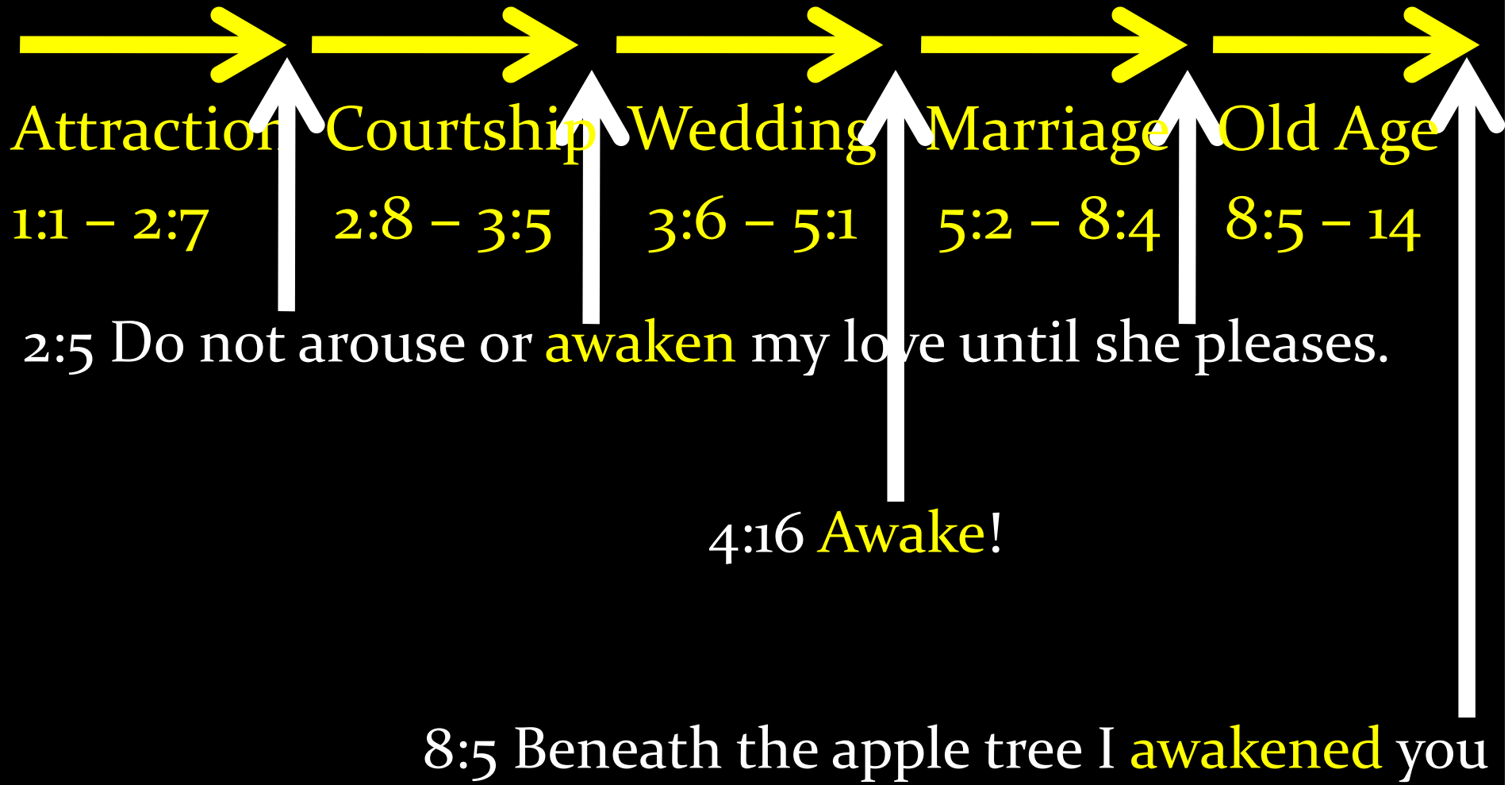
8:5 Who is this coming up from the wilderness
Leaning on her beloved?

She says:

Beneath the apple tree I **awakened** you;
There your mother was in labor with you,
There she was in labor and gave you birth.



The Awakening of Love



She says:

⁶ Put me like a seal over your heart,
Like a seal on your arm.

For love is as strong as death,
Jealousy is as severe as Sheol;
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
The very flame of the LORD.

⁷ Many waters cannot quench love,
Nor will rivers overflow it;
If a man were to give
all the riches of his house for love,
It would be utterly despised.



Love in God's Design

- Love flourishes with someone who protects it
- Love involves waiting, sometimes painful waiting
- Love is binding
- Love is jealous
- Love's source is in the very being of God
- Love is priceless

The Friends say:

⁸ We have a little sister,
And she has no breasts;
What shall we do for our sister,
On the day when she is spoken for?

⁹ If she is a wall,
We will build on her a battlement of silver;
But if she is a door,
We will barricade her with planks of cedar.



She says:

¹⁰ I was a wall, and my breasts were like towers;
Then I became in his eyes as one who finds
peace.

¹¹ Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon;
He entrusted the vineyard to caretakers.
Each one was to bring a thousand shekels of
silver for its fruit.

¹² My very own vineyard is at my disposal;
The thousand shekels are for you, Solomon,
And two hundred are for those who take care
of its fruit.

Handling Your Body – An Owner's Guide

- Your senses: From the extreme to the subtle
- Discernment of **character** and **core commitment** is a learned skill.
- It requires **character** and **commitment** to Christ on your part
- ‘It takes one to know one’

Discernment of Subtlety

Person A

- 4 Physical Attractiveness
- 3 Personality
- 2 Character & Values
- 1 Core Commitment

Person B

- 4 Physical Attractiveness
- 3 Personality
- 2 Character & Values
- 1 Core Commitment

He says:

¹³ O you who sit in the gardens,
My companions are listening for your voice--
Let me hear it!

She says:

¹⁴ Hurry, my beloved,
And be like a gazelle or a young stag
On the mountains of spices.