

## Loving Large Week 2: Your Love Keeps Lifting Me Higher

**Key Verses:** Song of Songs 8:6-7 (Also called Song of Solomon)

### Sermon Notes

Love songs are \_\_\_\_\_.

Love songs and gifts are over-the-top and exaggerated because \_\_\_\_\_.

The Song of Songs is a \_\_\_\_\_.

The Song of Songs is included in the Bible as an example of \_\_\_\_\_ that can teach us about God.

*"Place me like a seal on your heart."*

What does this mean for God's love for me? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it mean for my love for God? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it mean for my love for others? \_\_\_\_\_

*"For love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave."*

What does this mean for God's love for me? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it mean for my love for God? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it mean for my love for  
others? \_\_\_\_\_

*"If one were to give all the wealth of one's house for love, it would  
be utterly scorned."*

What does this mean for God's love for  
me? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it mean for my love for  
God? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it mean for my love for  
others? \_\_\_\_\_

I am called to love like  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Reflections for the Week—Read the scripture, reflect on the questions, pray the prayer.**

**Monday: Read: Zephaniah 3:14-17**

Singing is a response of love and Jerusalem is charged to "Sing and shout" to "be glad and rejoice!" Why do you think we are, in general, inhibited to express our love for God? Verse 17 speaks of God rejoicing, even delighting "over us" with singing. How is this image of God contrary to many other concepts of God that exist?

**Tuesday: Song of Songs 2:8-17**

When we think of love songs between a lover and a beloved, we can often hear the words as if they are coming from God, or as if we are singing to God. How does it make you feel to compare these expressions of love to one another? How is a relationship of love with God similar to our human relationships? How is it different?

**Wednesday: 1 John 3**

Spend some time in this short chapter. What does it tell us about God? What does it tell us about people? What can we learn about the relationships between the two? What kind of love is it calling us to for both God and people? What are some characteristics of that kind of love?

**Thursday: 1 John 4:7-21**

God sings to us a love song of great love for us. We carry it with us in our hearts giving us joy and comfort. But the song is heard by others, and they are changed because of the love pouring out of our hearts for them. Write a love note to God. How can you show God love in actions, not just words?

**Friday: Song of Songs 8:6-7**

Do you feel that your heart is sealed by God's love? What does this mean to you? Do others see God's seal on your arm? How can you show them? How are you meeting the challenge this week to show your love to another?

**Weekly Prayer**

God, as I stop today to pray, I consider how extravagant your love is for me. You have sought me out and given so freely. You gave your son Jesus, so I could have life. Accept my thanks today. Show me how I can live a life that loves and gives in extravagant ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.