

# The Honeymoon's Over - Trouble in the Marriage

## Song of Solomon 5:2-16

### Open It

How have your relationships with best friends or your spouse changed as time has passed?

What do you think causes feelings of love to fade in a relationship?

What couple do you know with a successful marriage, and what do you most admire about their relationship?

### Explore It

What stage in the couple's relationship is described in these verses? (5:2-6:3)

What did the Beloved say she was doing? (5:2)

With what terms did the Lover address his Beloved? (5:2)

What events took place in the Beloved's dream? (5:2-8)

How did the Beloved respond to her husband's request to open the door? (5:3)

What happened once the Beloved opened the door? (5:6)

What did the Beloved say the watchmen did? (5:7)

How did the Beloved describe her attitude toward her husband? (5:8)

How did the Beloved describe her Lover? (5:10-16)

### Get It

What clues are there in these verses that time has lapsed since the wedding?

In what ways had this marriage relationship changed or stayed the same since the wedding?

Why might the initial excitement that accompanies marriage begin to fade?

What is significant about the Beloved's description of her Lover?

What makes a successful relationship last?

How can a couple keep the flame of love alive in their marriage?

### Apply It

If you are married, what is one thing you can do today to show your spouse that you love him or her?

What lesson from these verses do you especially want to remember?

What fractured relationship do you want to work on mending?

What friends with a fractured relationship will you pray for today?