

## **The Honeymoon's Over - Trouble in the Marriage Song of Solomon 5:2-16**

**Context:** With the honeymoon now over, the Shulamite has a nightmare about separation from Solomon.

**Main Point:** Every marriage will encounter trouble and takes work, humility, and thankfulness.

### **When facing trouble in your marriage...**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **after your mate (vs. 5:2-6)**
  - A. The Shulamite is sleeping and experiences the pursuit of Solomon and his subsequent departure. When she becomes aware of his leaving she begins to frantically pursue him.
  - B. There are endless things that can lead to separation within a marriage - but since marriages take work, both must constantly pursue the other.
  - C. As a follower of Christ, you must honor the vow of marriage to always pursue your mate and reconcile your disagreements.
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **the full affects (vs. 5:7-8)**
  - A. The watchmen of the city beat her up. This passage is strong evidence that the Shulamite is dreaming since watchmen were to protect the city and its people. It is best understood as a reference to the emotional pain of her separation from Solomon.
  - B. Unresolved issues can cause incredible stress on a marriage and effect the health of both. For your health and livelihood, seek unity and openness in your marriage.
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **your blessings (vs. 5:9-16)**
  - A. Rather than bash Solomon for everything wrong in the relationship, the Shulamite begins to list off his positive attributes.
  - B. It is healthy and wise to take a positive inventory of your mate when going through difficult times in your marriage.