

# The Power of Love

## Song of Solomon 8:1-7

### Open It

Do both you and your beloved have a long track record in your lives of faithfulness and friendship?

Do you have a strong sense of destiny that God brought you and your beloved together?

In what specific ways do you believe you and your beloved complement each other?

### Explore it:

Whom did the Beloved wish her Lover was like? Why? (8:1)

Where did the Beloved say she would take her Lover? (8:2)

What did the Beloved say about her Lover's arms? (8:3)

What charge did the Beloved give to the Daughters of Jerusalem? (8:4)

What question did the Friends ask? (8:5)

What events happened under the apple tree? (8:5)

What did the Beloved ask the Lover to do? (8:6)

How did the Beloved describe love? (8:6-7)

### Get it:

Why might the Beloved wish her Lover were like a brother to her so that she could kiss him outside without being despised by others?

What feeling about their relationship might the Beloved's description of her Lover's arms suggest?

### Apply it:

How can couples work at being friends as well as lovers? Talk with your spouse about how public and private displays of affection can communicate friendship and love.

Why do you think the proper time and person for sexual intimacy is brought up again and again in the Song?

Why do you think some people have a hard time seeing sex within the bounds of marriage as a good gift from God?