## CHRIST'S PASSIONATE PURSUIT OF BACKSLIDING SAINTS

SONG OF SOLOMON 5:2

## **MAIN IDEA**

Christ passionately pursues his backsliding saints. When we go astray, and find ourselves in seasons of backsliding, Christ does not leave us there. He pursues us. He draws us out. He leads us through every obstacle that stands in our way.

## **OUTLINE**

Christ pursues us by patiently tapping on our heart: Like the bride in Song of Solomon, there are certain indicators in our life and heart that inform us that we are backsliding. Christ, by the power of the Spirit, places those there so that we might be aware of our condition.

Christ pursues us by drawing us over every obstacle: Coming out of seasons of backsliding is not easy. Just as obstacles stood in the way of the bride getting to her groom, so will obstacles stand in our way spiritually. Christ draws us through all of them.

Christ pursues us by not holding our backsliding against us, but restoring our sweet intimacy with him: Christ does not hold a grudge against us, or tell us about all our wrongdoings. Rather he speaks sweetly to us, and restores a deeper fellowship than we even had before.