Sermon Outline

Song of Solomon 2:8-17

Series Review: As a reminder we are in the middle of a sermon series through the Old Testament book Song of Solomon. Pastor Raef is teaching us that the historical way of reading this book is to understand the entire book as one big allegory. In the love between the man and the woman within this book, we discover deeper truths about the love between Christ and His Church. Be sure to see the <u>Song of Solomon Introductory Video</u> for further explanation on the allegorical reading.

Sermon Overview: In the long arc of a Christian's life, it is possible to enter seasons of dryness or dullness in our faith. In this sermon we want to answer the question "What do we do when we are in a season of feeling distant from the Lord?

- 1. Textual Overview: First we will go verse by verse through our text to understand how this section of the Song of Solomon reveals the bride's difficult "season", and how the groom's love towards her never fails despite her weaknesses.
- 2. Doctrinal: Second, we will consider the larger idea of "seasons of faith" by answering the question 'What are some of the causes of dry seasons in our faith?'
- 3. Application: Third, we will review our text and discover five ways we can address dullness or dryness in our own faith.
 - a. Speak his love letters over you often
 - b. Vigorously remove the foxes that are destroying the vineyard
 - c. Take regular moments to notice Christ's presence and his blessing
 - d. Keep praying for future restoration
 - e. Hold onto his promises for dear life