

WEEK SIX: ROMANCE

For Women and Men? Let's Find Out

All read chapter 6 ahead of time.

Romance. A word women yearn for and men run from! At least that's how Jess describes it. Is this a universal truth (for the most part)? Do men shy away from this elusive idea, and if so, is it because of fear? Insecurities? Laziness? Let's watch the video segment for lesson 6, and then we'll do our best to understand what romance means in our relationship.

NOTES ON VIDEO

QUESTIONS

1. Share the first emotion that comes to mind with the word "romance."
2. Wife: What's your idea of romance?
3. Husband: What's your idea of romance?



4. Be honest, do either of you suffer from the "I got you" trap, and if so, how did you get here? fears that might be present. Is there an issue in your relationship you need to acknowledge and then discuss with your spouse?

SHARE

Take a few minutes to discuss answers.

READ

The following scriptures address different aspects of what romance means. Listen and jot down how it applies to your life. These can remain private or can be discussed as a group.

"How beautiful and pleasant you are, O loved one, with all your delights!" —Song of Solomon 7:6

"Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered." —1 Peter 3:7

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away." —1 Corinthians 13:1-8

"Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." —Genesis 2:24

"I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine; he grazes among the lilies." —Song of Solomon 6:3

"Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins." —1 Peter 4:8

"As a lily among brambles, so is my love among the young women." —Song of Solomon 2:2

"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her." —Ephesians 5:25

"So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her." —Genesis 29:20



DISCUSS

1. What feelings arise in your heart as we read these verses?
2. According to the Bible, what does romance involve?
3. How do these verses apply to our marriages?



EXPLORE



PONDER AND DISCUSS

Which of these emotions resonate with you?

Why?



CLOSING QUESTIONS/HOMEWORK

Complete with your spouse.

1. Wife: Do you desire more romance? If so, list three ways your husband could show romance.
2. Husband: How do you feel about your wife's answer and suggestions?
3. Wife: If you received more romance in your marriage, how do you think this would affect the emotional health of your relationship?
4. What is one change we will commit to doing this week?
5. His takeaway:
6. Her takeaway:

IF COMFORTABLE, DISCUSS ANSWERS AS A GROUP.

Close with prayer.

