

Scarcely had I passed them when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him, and would not let him go... Song of Solomon 3:4 (ESV)

Homework: *In crisis, hold your spouse tight and don't let them go.*

Count the cost of marital sacrifice.

...until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her who conceived me. Song of Solomon 3:4 (ESV)

Homework:

1. Gals, prepare to shift your dreams to support your husband's calling.
2. Guys, sacrifice your life and invest in your wife.
3. Be home in the evenings.
4. Give your family your full attention.

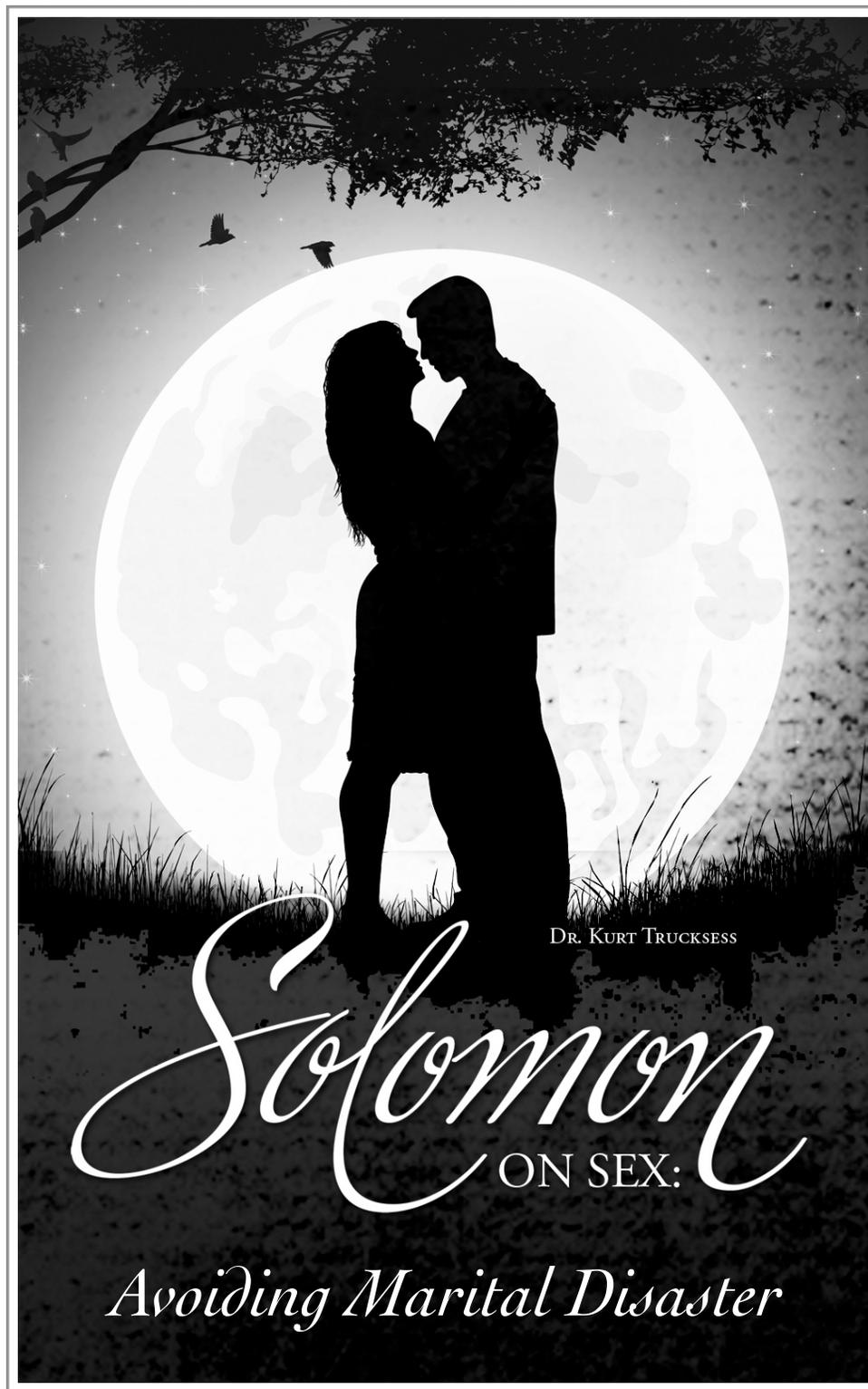
WARNING! Do not awaken love until it is time.

I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the does of the field, that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases. Song of Solomon

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Song of Solomon 3:1-5



On my bed by night I sought him whom my soul loves. Song of Solomon 3:1 (ESV)

Guard your thought life.

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, 2 Corinthians 10:5 (ESV)

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Ephesians 4:26-27 (ESV)

Lessons from the dream.

Be solution centered, not problem centered.

On my bed by night I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but found him not. I will rise now and go about the city, in the streets and in the squares; I will seek him whom my soul loves. I sought him, but found him not. Song of Solomon 3:1-2 (ESV)

Homework: Be a solution centered, not problem centered couple.

1. Avoid problem centered whining.
2. Face marriage problems, don't ignore them.

When headed for disaster, swallow your pride and save the bride.

The watchmen found me as they went about in the city. "Have you seen him whom my soul loves?" Song of Solomon 3:3 (ESV)

Homework: Swallow your pride and get help.

1. Faithfully attend this series.
2. Invest in a marriage encounter weekend.
3. Read helpful books.
4. Talk with a pastor or elder.

Use crisis to take a big step forward, not backward.