Song of Songs Song of Solomon

I have come into my garden, my sister, my bride; I have gathered my myrrh with my spice. I have eaten my honeycomb and my honey; I have drunk my wine and my milk. Song of Songs 5 (NIV) Chorus

*Eat, friends, and drink; drink your fill of love.* 

2 I slept but my heart was awake. Listen! My beloved is knocking: "Open to me, my sister, my darling, my dove, my flawless one. My head is drenched with dew, my hair with the dampness of the night."

<sup>3</sup> I have taken off my robe must I put it on again? I have washed my feet must I soil them again?

*4 My beloved thrust his hand through the latchopening; my heart began to pound for him.* 

5 I arose to open for my beloved, and my hands dripped with myrrh, my fingers with flowing myrrh, on the handles of the bolt.

6 My heart sank at his departure. I opened for my beloved, but my beloved had left; he was gone. I looked for him but did not find him. I called him but he did not answer.

7 The watchmen found me as they made their rounds in the city. They beat me, they bruised me; they took away my cloak, those watchmen of the walls!

8 Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you if you find my beloved, what will you tell him? Tell him I am faint with love.

#### Song of Songs 5 (NIV) Chorus

9 How is your beloved better than others, most beautiful of women? How is your beloved better than others, that you so charge us?

10 My beloved is radiant and ruddy, outstanding among ten thousand. 11 His head is purest gold; his hair is wavy and black as a raven.

12 His eyes are like doves by the water streams, washed in milk, mounted like jewels.

Song of Songs 5 (NIV) She 13 His cheeks are like beds of spice yielding perfume. His lips are like lilies dripping with myrrh.

## Song of Songs 5 (NIV) She 14 His arms are rods of gold set with topaz. His body is like polished ivory decorated with lapis lazuli.

15 His legs are pillars of marble set on bases of pure gold. His appearance is like Lebanon, <u>choice as its cedars.</u>

16 His mouth is sweetness itself; he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, this is my friend, daughters of Jerusalem.

The importance of friendship in True Love! This is my beloved, this is my friend... Song of Songs 5:16 (NIV) That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Genesis 2:24 (NIV) One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than *a brother.* Proverbs 18:24 (NIV)

Stays through adversity

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity. Proverbs 17:17 (NIV)

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.* Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

Speaks the Truth in Love

Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses. Proverbs 27:6 (NIV) Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. Ephesians 4:15 (NIV)

• Seeks to Encourage

Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up. Proverbs 12:25 (NIV)

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The hearts of the wise make their mouths prudent, and their lips promote instruction. 24 Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:23-24 (NIV)

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Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4:6 (NIV)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)