Searching for Shalom

**Talk 4: Consummation**

**Introduction**

**1. Love in the garden: 4:16 – 5:1**

Invitation: 4:16

Consummation: 5:1a

Affirmation: 5:1b

**2. Love in a world of thorns: 5:2 – 6:3**

**Implications**

1. The goodness of sex in marriage

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2. The purpose of sex in marriage

Consider how your faithful love for one another fed and nourished through the delights of bodily intimacy can overflow outwards to bring love and faithfulness to a needy world. we must nurture sex not as an end in itself we nurture the private intimacy of marriage in order to keep the fires burning that will warm others outside. *Christopher Ash*

3. Better than sex

Just as sexual consummation at its best is a description of passionate joy and deeply delightful fulfilment, so it will be at the end. The consummation of all things is a marriage in which the people of God are the bride and Christ the bridegroom. In a sense Genesis 2:24 is the first preaching of the gospel, for the first marriage foreshadows the climactic marriage of the Lord with his people. *Christopher Ash*