**The Different Terrains in God’s Garden**

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*My Beloved has gone down to His garden… I am My Beloved’s and He is mine.*

*Song of Solomon 6:2-3 (NASB)*

The “garden” is a place where we go to be with God, where we break away from the busyness of our lives to sit and talk with Him, resting in His loving arms, listening to His voice. Jesus longs to pour out His love on us, encouraging and directing us every moment of our day. He longs for us to dwell with Him in the garden that He has prepared exclusively for us.

As I studied Songs of Solomon, I realized there are many different parts to God’s garden; many different terrains He wants to lead us through as we spend intimate time with Him. Imagine meeting the Lord in a flower covered meadow, walking hand in hand with Jesus, dancing and running with great joy in the midst of the flowers. This is where we come to know His love and the joy of His presence.

Another terrain He takes us to might be a rock garden in the desert. We have all been in this wilderness place where our faith is tested and tried. Even though we feel alone, He is always with us. Sometimes the terrain is a path through a very dense forest. The forest is so thick and the path has many turns that we cannot see where the path leads. This is where God builds up our trust in Him.

Whatever terrain you are in at this season of your life, know that it has been prepared specifically for you to bring you closer to God.

*Jesus, thank you for the invitation to join You in Your garden; we long to meet there. We know that we cannot pick the terrain You want to meet us in, so we trust Your choice of terrain for us in every season of our lives.*