

Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles

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Day 8 – The Balance Between Drawing and Running

"Draw me away! We will run after You. The King has brought me into His chambers. We will be glad and rejoice in You. We will remember Your love more than wine." (Song 1:4)

In Song of Songs 1:4, the Shulamite woman declares the two-fold vision of her life.

She says "Draw me away!" Emphasis on the word "me". This is an individual desire. The first part of her life vision is to be drawn in intimacy.

She then says "We will run after You." The first part she used the word "me", now she uses the word "we". When she says this, she's desiring to run together with others after Jesus. In essence, she's desiring for ministry.

Being drawn to Jesus is singular but running with Him is plural. She longs to serve people in ministry partnership with Jesus and those who love Him. Running represents a life of service motivated by compassion for people. It involves obedience in action, reaching out to others and stepping out in faith.

She's desiring to live out Matthew 22:37 and 39, to love God and to love His people.

There is constant tension throughout our spiritual journey between "drawing" and "running". Unfortunately, it's common for believers to overly focus on one of the two and neglect the other. If we only focus on "running" in ministry, it will lead to burn out because there's nothing there to sustain us. If we only focus on "drawing" in intimacy without any vision to run in ministry, we miss out on fulfilling our purpose on the earth and we don't allow Jesus to receive the inheritance He desires in us.

We are to both be drawn and run in each season. Sometimes the Lord will emphasize one of them for a season but when that happens we must not totally neglect the other.

What's important to know, is that there is an order when it comes to the Shulamite woman's two-fold vision. "Drawing" in intimacy must come first. It is by drawing in and spending time with Jesus where we are filled and readied in love, faith and compassion that is needed to then run in ministry. It is the overflow of our relationship with Him that we can then minister to others.

What is your life vision? Does it contain both aspects of "drawing" and "running"?