

# ***Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles***

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**March 17, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey of Awakening Mature Love – Rendu Paras**

## ***Day 17 – Fascination by the Beauty of Jesus***

**The Bride begins her journey into being fascinated by the beauty of Jesus.** (Song 1:12 – 2:7)

She sees salvation more than being forgiven and blessed in circumstance but as an invitation to live fascinated by Jesus.

She enters into the next season in her journey and she begins to understand her identity in the beauty of God.

Studying this book the past few years, one of the more challenging things for my heart to really take in is to see myself as beautiful and sincere in the eyes of God, instead of as a failure or a hopeless hypocrite.

That is how the devil is trying to make you feel because when a person feels that way, they draw back and turn away. That is the point of accusation. To shame us to the point where we turn away and forget who we are in Christ. Its to distort our true identity in the Lord.

That is why we as the global church need to watch what we say and what we take in because the enemy doesn't just whisper these thoughts in our ears. He uses people, even sincere, devoted believers as a mouthpiece to speak these things about one another. This can lead to division in the church, hurting relationships, and damaging the unity of the Body of Christ. Even when we feel justified in our words or actions, or evidence points that way and we feel like we have every right to think of others a certain way, we must guard against lending our voices to the accuser. That's not what the Lord does with us. Let's not do it to one another.

There's a difference between humble and loving correction and speaking about dissatisfaction we have with a brother or a sister. Instead let's look to what the Lord does with us. He sees us with eyes of love and instead of highlighting the weakness in our lives and making that our identity, He calls forth our true identity and says this is who you are. The Lord says, I know you are weak, but you are beautiful. Don't draw back in shame. Draw near to Me.

And so, as we will see in the next few days, the Bride begins her journey into being fascinated with His beauty.