

Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles

March 19, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey of Awakening Mature Love – Rendu Paras

Day 19 – Embracing Our Identity as His Inheritance

We can see in passages like Hebrews 1:2 and Philippians 2:9-11 that the Father promises Jesus an inheritance. A part of that is authority and dominion over all things. Jesus desires more than that. The greatest treasure that He desires is a companion to spend eternity with. This is the purpose and the identity of the Bride.

The Spirit is restoring the First Commandment to first place in the Body of Christ. He is leading His Bride to walk in wholehearted, mature love. He is readying her to walk in the fullness of her calling as she spends eternity with Him.

The Bride declares, "I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys." Song 2:1

The Bride realizes her identity in Christ. She calls herself the rose and the lily. The rose is chosen for its beauty and fragrance as the chief of flowers. A lily speaks of purity. The valley speaks of the low and dark places in this fallen world. She is saying that her life purpose and her identity is found in seeking to fully love (rose) and obey (lily) Jesus. She realizes that she is the prize that He is after. She is the inheritance that He longs for.

As part of the Bride, we are the rose and lily whose love and obedience arises as fragrance that moves Jesus' heart. We were made to whole heartedly love Him, without any other lovers in our hearts. The reason we were created is to fully love (rose) and fully obey (lily) Jesus as His inheritance and thus, to bring joy and pleasure to God.

Understanding that we are His rose and lily breaks a sense of purposelessness, failure and inferiority. We start to measure success in context to our growth in intimacy by loving and obeying Him. Our primary identity is not what we do with our hands but what we pursue with our hearts.

Our ultimate destiny in this age is to walk out a lifestyle as His inheritance.