

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

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**March 20, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey of Awakening Mature Love – Rendu Paras**

## ***Day 20 – Being Lovesick***

“Like an apple tree among the trees of the woods, So is my beloved among the sons. I sat down in his shade with great delight, And his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the [a]banqueting house, And his banner over me was love. Sustain me with cakes of raisins, Refresh me with apples, For I am lovesick.” Song 2:3-5

She begins to experience the sweetness of His presence. She says “I sat down in His shade.” The shade tree is the finished work of the cross. It is where we rest from our own labors and efforts to try and motivate God to love us. We can rest because we are assured by His love for us, but it doesn’t mean we become complacent. In fact, it’s the opposite. We throw all our strength into the relationship because He loves us so freely.

When we know we are loved it makes us extravagant in our pursuit of Him. Not to earn anything, but to do so in gratitude.

She says, “I rested. I sat down with great delight.” Oh, I love the feeling of Your presence. “It was sweet to me.” She is in the early days of her journey where she is experiencing the sweetness of His presence. And so, the Lord draws her in because He wants her to get a vision to never be content with that.

In verse 5 she says, “Sustain me... refresh me... for I am lovesick.” This is where we see that word lovesick. She’s not lovesick because of an absence of love. What she is saying is that because she has tasted the sweetness of love, she desires that much more. This is New Testament bridal paradigm of being lovesick.

The more you and I experience love, the greater our hunger is to experience more. The less we experience, the more likely we are to be satisfied with what we already have. We stop reaching.

The rich get richer and the poor get poorer. People who never really experience His presence, who do not press in and just live on the outskirts of the Kingdom – God still loves them – but they never really feel the power of it and their vision becomes limited.

Especially here in America, it’s easy to think, if I just get married, have a family, become financially stable and go to church every week, that’s good enough for me. But the Lord says, “I have so much more for you than that! I have a burning love that will expand your capacity, your hunger, and your vision. You will never be content without it ever increasing.”

Tomorrow we'll see her go into the next season of her life.