

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

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**March 22, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey into Wholehearted Love – Rendu Paras**

## ***Day 22 – Challenging the Comfort Zone (Song 2:8-17)***

"The voice of my beloved!  
Behold, he comes  
Leaping upon the mountains,  
Skipping upon the hills.  
My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag." (Song 2:8-9a)

The maiden receives a new revelation of Jesus as the sovereign King. She sees Him as the Lord of all the nations who effortlessly conquers all the difficult mountains and high places. She sees Jesus as a gazelle or a stag, which has the ability to easily and quickly ascend and descend mountains with boundless energy.

She recognizes the voice of her Beloved or the One that she loves. Jesus speaks tenderly to us in love when He calls us out of the comfort zone to join Him on the dangerous mountains of risk.

"My beloved spoke, and said to me:  
"Rise up, my love, my fair one,  
And come away." (Song 2:10)

Jesus is ready for action and deep partnership with the Bride. Therefore, He calls her to arise from her comfort and security to come away with Him to conquer the mountains of this fallen world.

Jesus challenges us to the mountains of total faith and obedience. These high places involve embracing difficult assignments that challenge our sense of security and comfort. At this point in her journey, the Bride does not like the risk and heights of the mountains. She just wants to sit under the shade tree eating apples with Jesus (Song 2:3)

She doesn't like the risks of walking by faith and the struggles of spiritual warfare. She doesn't think she's ready. John Wimber said that faith is spelled, "R I S K". Faith is the way of the Kingdom.

The Bride must rise if she is to experience mature partnership with Jesus.