

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

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**March 24, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey into Wholehearted Love – Rendu Paras**

## ***Day 24 – Catching the Foxes***

As Jesus calls the Bride to rise up and come away with Him, she's found hiding in the clefts of the rock and in the secret places of the cliff. (Song 2:14) He tells her that He wants to see her face and hear her voice. He wants her to come out of hiding. She responds by crying out for help.

"Catch us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines, for our vines have tender grapes." (Song 2:15)

Foxes are cunning/sneaky animals that will destroy a vineyard in the night. They are not bold, strong lions that attack during the day. They are small, fast, crafty and difficult to catch.

The little foxes in the vineyard of our heart represent our small compromises. This includes fear, sinful thoughts, attitudes and the small yet continual misuse of time and money.

Our vine refers to our fellowship with God. The tender grapes speak of her immaturity in life. She is trying to keep her vineyard unlike her season in Song 1:6 but the little foxes keep destroying any fruit from growing.

We can see that the Bride longs to go deep in God. Just earlier in Song 2:5 she was crying out to the Lord to sustain and refresh her because she was lovesick. It is the little areas that hold us back from walking and growing in the Spirit. She understands the seriousness of these small areas of her life that prevent her from going deep in God. That's why she's crying out this prayer for the Lord to help her "catch the foxes". She acknowledges the small compromises in her life and then offers continual prayer for help. The Lord is willing to help.

I went back to look at my old notes when preparing for this series and I found a small post from 2020 where I wrote what I thought the Lord was telling me through this passage. I want to share it here because I feel like this is something He wants to say to many of us today:

I believe the Lord was saying, "I want you to deal with the small compromises, the little foxes, that are destroying the vineyard of your heart. The areas where you ignore My leadership or give into your fear or selfishness. I want you to bring the little compromises into the light with Me as well, because I can help you in those and that will strengthen you to embrace the bigger challenges that I am calling you to embrace at this point in time."

Take some time to reflect on any small compromises that may be keeping you from really going deep in God and rising up to follow Him up the mountain. God wants to help you overcome those things.