

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

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**March 25, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey into Wholehearted Love – Rendu Paras**

## ***Day 25 – When Fear Speaks First***

"Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away, turn, my Beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young stag upon the mountains of Bether." (Song 2:17)

The Bride now gives her answer to Jesus' command to arise and join Him on the mountains. She refuses to rise up. She tells Him to go to the mountains without her. Her painful compromise is due to her immaturity and her fear, not rebellion. She fears that total obedience will be too difficult and costly. She loves Him, but she does not think she has the strength to fully obey. She doesn't think she's ready to go up there.

She says, "Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away". She acknowledges the dark shadows in her heart. These are the parts of her heart that are still not fully in the light. Day break is the time where new light has come and the dark shadows/gray areas in her life are gone. She tells Him to go and come back when those areas of her heart are dealt with.

She doesn't feel qualified because of her weakness. She let's that get in the way of where the Lord wants to take her. Unknowingly, she thinks she knows better than the Lord's judgement. She loves Him but deep down she doesn't fully trust Him when He says that she's ready. At this time her fear is greater than her trust.

How often do we tell God, "Not yet" or "I'm not ready". We tell Him other people are more qualified and try to excuse ourselves from what He wants us to do with us and through us. We let fear, doubt and immaturity stop us from moving forward in our journey into wholehearted mature love. This journey takes complete trust and dependency in the one who leads us. This journey isn't just for others who seem more qualified. This is for all of us.

We will see in the next few days how Jesus responds to her compromise. Even when rejected, His response is full of love and faith in her becoming the glorious mature Bride He longs for. He does not give up on her and He will not give up on you.