

Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles

April 9, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey into Wholehearted Love – Rendu Paras

Day 40 – Journey to Love's Summit

“Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away, I will go my way to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of frankincense.” (Song 4:6)

There comes a moment in the journey of love with Jesus when admiration turns into commitment, when the heart that once rested in His affirmations rises up to follow Him to the place of sacrifice. In Song of Songs 4:6, the maiden responds to the Bridegroom’s affirmations of her beauty not with passivity, but with resolve: “I will go.”

The Mountain of Myrrh

Myrrh is no ordinary spice. It is costly, bitter, and used in burial. It speaks of death, the death of Jesus, and the death of self. The “mountain of myrrh” is not a place of comfort, but of consecration. It is not a hill easily climbed, but a summit where love proves itself through surrender. Jesus ascended His mountain of myrrh at Calvary. And now He calls us to take up our own cross (Luke 9:23), denying ourselves daily out of love for Him.

This mountain is high because obedience often costs us more than we imagined. Yet, it is filled with fragrance because even in death to self, the aroma of Christ is released through us.

The Hill of Frankincense

Frankincense, the fragrant incense of worship and intercession, represents prayer throughout Scripture (Psalm 141:2; Revelation 5:8). The hill of frankincense is where we receive strength before we climb the mountain. It is smaller, more accessible, yet vital. Jesus urged His disciples to “watch and pray” so they would not fall into temptation (Matthew 26:41). We cannot ascend the mountain of self-denial unless we first kneel on the hill of communion.

Even small prayers, simple moments of honesty, worship, or desperation, release great strength. The impact of our prayers reaches beyond our effort. In prayer, we receive what we do not deserve: grace, resolve, and joy for the journey ahead.

“I Will Go My Way”

These words are music to God’s ears. They reflect a heart that is no longer ruled by fear, but by love. She calls it “my way,” for each of us has a path uniquely designed by the Father. Your mountain may not look like someone else’s. Your cross will bear the shape of your calling. But each path, though personal, leads to the same end: deeper union with Jesus.

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Until the Day Breaks

She commits not just to begin the climb, but to continue until the day breaks and the shadows flee away. The shadows are areas of weakness, compromise, and fear, those lingering parts of us not yet fully transformed. But the day will break. A new season will dawn. Whether it's the eternal day of standing in His presence or the breakthrough that comes after a long night, His light will shine.

So she climbs. We climb. Strengthened by prayer, sustained by love, and fueled by hope, we press on.