

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

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**April 13, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey into Wholehearted Love – Rendu Paras**

## ***Day 44 – When Jesus Knocks in the Night: The Fellowship of Suffering***

“I sleep, but my heart is awake; it is the voice of my Beloved! He knocks, saying, ‘Open for Me, My sister, My love, My dove, My perfect one; for My head is covered with dew, My locks with the drops of the night.’” (Song of Songs 5:2)

There comes a moment in every believer’s journey where Jesus invites us into a deeper place. A place that doesn’t feel like the mountaintop or the warm, shaded tree. It’s not the sweet chamber of comfort, but the cold, quiet night. He comes to us as the Jesus of Gethsemane, sorrowful, burdened, and yet still full of love.

This is where things get intense. The Bride, full of love and desire, had just cried out for the winds to come and blow on her garden. She wanted to go deeper, to be fully His. And He answers, but not in the way she expected.

He doesn’t leap over the hills this time. Instead, He comes knocking in the darkness. His hair is wet with the dew of the night. He’s been enduring. He’s been weeping. He’s asking her, “Will you open to Me here? Not just in joy, but in suffering? Will you be Mine in the garden of agony?”

This is the first part of the two-fold test: Will we open to Him in suffering? When He withdraws the feeling of His nearness... when the blessings fade and the lights go out... will we still say yes? Will we still rise and open the door to Him?

He doesn’t force His way in. He knocks, gently. “Open to Me... My love, My perfect one.” He wants our heart, not just our service. And He asks us to love Him in the fellowship of His sufferings, to walk with Him in the dark night, not just bask in the daylight.

“That I may know Him... and the fellowship of His sufferings.” (Phil. 3:10)

This is where love is tested and proven. This is where intimacy with Him is forged. He’s not just the King on the throne. He is the Man of Sorrows. And He is inviting us to know Him there.

May we be spiritually awake, even when it feels like night. May we not miss Him when He knocks. Even in suffering, especially in suffering, may we open the door.

“If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.” (Rev. 3:20)