

Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles

April 17, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey into Wholehearted Love – Rendu Paras

Day 48 – First Question: “What is your Beloved more than another beloved O fairest among women?” (Song 5:9)

The daughters of Jerusalem ask the maiden two questions. First, "Why do you love Him so much?" When the daughters of Jerusalem ask the Bride what makes her Beloved so special, they're not mocking her. They're sincerely curious. They see something in her that doesn't make sense in a natural way. She's been wounded, rejected, and misunderstood (Song 5:7), and yet her love for this man, this Beloved, has only grown deeper.

This is the same kind of devotion the world doesn't understand when they see a believer passionately in love with Jesus. Why would someone stay faithful when life gets hard? Why would someone give up success, comfort, even relationships just to stay close to Him?

The answer can't be explained by facts or theology alone. It's personal. It's experiential. It's love. When your love for Jesus is real, it provokes a response in others. Some might resist it, others might mock it, but the sincere ones will ask, "What is it about Him?"

Many believers have "other beloveds", good things that became ultimate things: success, relationships, ministry itself, or even personal growth. But none of them can compare to Jesus when He truly has your heart.

Spiritual maturity is when Jesus takes first place in your life, not just in word, but in reality. He's not just useful; He's beautiful. He's not just Savior; He's Bridegroom. And this is what the Holy Spirit is doing right now across the Church: *He's restoring the First Commandment to first place, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart."*

When you walk through trials and still radiate love, still cling to Him, still worship, people begin to ask, "What is it about Him that makes you love Him like that?" That's the highest ministry: *living a life that invites the question.*

Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matt. 16:15). This is the most important question you'll ever answer. Your answer becomes your life message. Let your love for Jesus be your loudest sermon.

Not just when it's easy. But especially when it's not.

Let your heart carry the fragrance of devotion. Let your life say, "My Beloved is unlike any other. He's altogether lovely. He is the One my soul loves." (Song 5:16)