

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

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**April 27, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey into Wholehearted Love – Rendu Paras**

## ***Day 58 – The Beauty of His Garden***

**“I went down to the garden of nuts to see the verdure of the valley, to see whether the vine had budded and the pomegranates had bloomed.” (Song 6:11)**

After beholding the Bride’s radiant beauty, the story moves into a deeper place of love. A love that overflows not just toward the King, but toward His people.

The Bride goes *down* into the garden, into the valley.

She steps off the heights of personal encounter and into the messy, fragile place where others are still growing, still budding, still blooming.

She realizes: If Jesus loves me in my weakness, He loves them too.

She cannot love Him fully without also loving those He loves.

This is where the first commandment naturally flows into the second:

Loving Jesus leads us into loving people.

The garden she steps into is filled with budding vines and blossoming pomegranates. This is a picture of God’s people in their early stages of growth.

Just as walnut trees provide shade, healing, and oil but require the seed to die and break open first, the Bride understands: true love requires sacrifice.

She must die to her own comfort, her own pride, her own impatience, and choose to serve and nurture the immature.

She goes down to see the fresh verdure, the signs of new life, even when the vineyard still lacks much fruit.

She does not despise small beginnings.

She celebrates every sign of budding life, every little bloom of virtue, because she sees them through the King’s eyes.

In the same way, Jesus invites us into His garden. Into the lives of others.

He calls us to leave the comfort zone of our own growth journey and embrace the challenge of loving, serving, and caring for others who are still in process.

This is saying “Yes!” to the Great Commission, not just to the nations, but to our own neighborhoods, our own churches, our own circles.

It’s easy to love Jesus in the secret place. It’s harder, but even more glorious, to love Him by loving His imperfect people.

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Today, hear the Spirit whisper over you:

“Go down into My garden. See what I see. Love what I love.”

There is life budding all around you in people you may have overlooked or given up on.

Ask Him to open your eyes to the beauty of His garden and give you His heart to serve it.