

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

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**May 4, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey into Wholehearted Love – Rendu Paras**

## ***Day 65 – The Fragrance of Love: Bearing Fruit for Jesus***

*“The mandrakes give off a fragrance, and at our gates are pleasant fruits, all manner, new and old, which I have laid up for you, my Beloved.” — Song of Songs 7:13*

Yesterday, the Bride invited Jesus into the field of labor and love. Today, we see the result: *fruitfulness*. But not just any kind of fruit, this is fragrant, intimate, personal fruit that has been laid up for Him.

The mandrakes symbolize desire and devotion. In ancient times, they were associated with love and even used as a sign of fruitfulness in barren places. In the same way, our labor in love, our prayers, sacrifices, and acts of faith, release a fragrance that pleases Jesus. Even when no one sees, He sees. Even when it's slow or hidden, it's bearing fruit.

And this fruit is not generic. It's “all manner, new and old”, a collection of moments, memories, breakthroughs, and battles. It's the wisdom from the past and the fresh love of today, stored up over time. The Bride doesn't offer it casually. She has laid it up, prepared it with intentionality. This is what love does. It saves the best for the Beloved.

Ultimately, our treasures are meant for Him. One day, we'll stand before Jesus and cast every crown, every harvest of love, at His feet (Rev. 4:10). Our goal is not just to work *for* Him, but to offer to Him a life that moved with Him, bore fruit with Him, and stayed faithful to Him.