

Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles

May 6, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey into Wholehearted Love – Rendu Paras

Day 67 – Resting in the Embrace

“His left hand is under my head, and His right hand embraces me. I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, do not stir up nor awaken love until it pleases.” – Song of Songs 8:3–4

After the boldness of public affection, the Bride is drawn into something just as powerful: rest. She is no longer trying to prove her love, she’s simply being held by it.

Jesus’ **left hand** is under her head, unseen but steady. This speaks of the ways God works behind the scenes, shielding us, supporting us, and guiding us in ways we often don’t recognize until much later. It’s the hidden hand of providence and protection.

His **right hand** embraces her. This is His tangible love, His presence that we can feel and experience. It’s when His voice is near, His touch is real, and our hearts are tenderized by His closeness. The Bride doesn’t just believe in His love; she feels it.

And then comes a sacred charge: **“Do not awaken love until it pleases.”** The Spirit is guarding something precious. When love is real and deep, it must be protected from noise, distraction, and premature exposure. There’s a time to be bold and public and there’s a time to be still and hidden. This is not repression, it’s reverence.

Jesus speaks this phrase three times in the Song. Each time, it’s a call to honor the pace of love. We live in a world that rushes everything, but true love grows slow. Mature love trusts the timing of the Lord. It knows when to speak and when to rest. When to act and when to simply be held.

Wholehearted love is not just loud, it’s lasting.

It doesn’t need a stage to feel secure.

It knows that being embraced by Jesus is enough.

Reflection:

- Are you allowing yourself to be embraced by Jesus, or are you striving to “do” for Him?
- Is there an area of your life where He’s inviting you to rest and trust His unseen hand?
- What does it look like to protect what God is doing in your heart right now?

Let love lead. Let Jesus hold you.