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May 9, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey into Wholehearted Love – Rendu Paras

Day 70 – The Reward of Love: Becoming a People Who Do Not Quit

There is a profound reward in love and it's not what the world often expects. The true reward of love is found in possessing the ability to love.

God, in His infinite wisdom, made us the only creatures with the power to give Him all our love. He will never force it from us. Love must be freely given. This is our gift to Him, our willing, wholehearted response to His love working in us. It's only by the Holy Spirit that we can love God the way He desires. As the saying goes: It takes God to love God.

When love is real, it doesn't ask, "What does this cost?" or "Is this worth it?" It simply says, "I'm not leaving." Anyone can walk away, except someone who is in love. This is the work of the Spirit: forming within us a love that won't quit.

"If a man would give for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly despised." (Song of Songs 8:7)

Love cannot be bought. Its value is beyond compare. That's why Paul could walk away from everything this world offered. He had discovered a love that made all other pursuits seem like rubbish compared to knowing Christ:

"I count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ... for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ." (Philippians 3:8)

In this hour, the Spirit is raising up ministries and believers who carry this very heart. They live to make Jesus known as the Bridegroom King, and they call the Church to walk in the First Commandment, to love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. They are friends of the Bridegroom, joyfully preparing the Bride.

"The friend of the Bridegroom... rejoices greatly because of the Bridegroom's voice." (John 3:29)
"Rejoice... for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." (Revelation 19:7)

This is our calling: to become a Church that is victorious in love.

"Who is this coming up from the wilderness, leaning on her Beloved?" (Song of Songs 8:5)

We are coming up from trials, from temptation, from the wilderness, leaning on Jesus. The end-time Church doesn't limp to the finish line defeated. She comes up victorious in love, leaning on her Beloved with a heart full of gratitude and devotion.

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“They had victory over the Beast... and stood on the sea of glass...” (Revelation 15:2)

“...that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle... holy and without blemish.” (Ephesians 5:27)

The Spirit is forming in you a love that won't quit. You are being prepared to stand victorious in love, leaning on your Beloved until the very end.