

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

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## ***Passion for Jesus and Compassion for People***

### **The Constant Tension**

There is a constant tension throughout our entire spiritual journey between “drawing” and “running.” At the start most are focused on running in ministry without being drawn in intimacy.

1. Because running brings conflict, rejection, and persecution, many soon burn out even as the maiden did in Song 1:5-7. Some overreact, determining to focus only on being drawn without any vision to run in ministry.

“I am dark, but lovely, O daughters of Jerusalem, Like the tents of Kedar, Like the curtains of Solomon.”

Song of Solomon 1:5 NKJV

2. As Jesus answered her prayer to “be drawn to Him” in intimacy, she temporarily refused to “run in ministry” (Song 2:8-13). She lost the balance of these 2 tensions. Jesus answers both parts of her prayer related to her life vision throughout the 8 chapter love Song.

“The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes Leaping upon the mountains, Skipping upon the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Behold, he stands behind our wall; He is looking through the windows, Gazing through the lattice. My beloved spoke, and said to me: “Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away. For lo, the winter is past, The rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; The time of singing has come, And the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth her green figs, And the vines with the tender grapes Give a good smell. Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away!”

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 NKJV

We are to both be drawn and run in each season. It is not enough to be only drawn near to God’s heart in intimacy. Nor is it enough to only run in ministry.

The Lord often emphasizes one over the other in different spiritual seasons in our lives. We are not to totally neglect either in any season. Do not be afraid of what others say when the Lord emphasizes one in a specific season in God.

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The general order of the kingdom is to first be drawn in intimacy and then to run in ministry in the overflow of a close relationship with Jesus.

The first commandment focus to love God with all our heart empowers us to much more effectively walk out the second commandment focus to relate to and serve others.

The twofold life vision of the Bride speaks of the two great commandments (Mt. 22:37-40) and the Great Commission (Mt. 28:19-20). Our life vision should always contain both aspects of “drawing and running.” A life vision is established regardless of our occupation, family status, economic status, etc. let us have a vision of ourselves as an extravagant worshipper of God and an anointed deliverer of people so as to fulfill the two Great Commandments in loving God and people (Matthew 22:37-39).

To learn the Scripture and learn to live in the Spirit as an extravagant worshiper of God and an anointed deliver of people.

“Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint...”

Proverbs 29:18

“Where there is no vision, the people perish.”

Proverbs 29:18 KJV

### **Prayer:**

Father, give us eyes to seeing a deepening understanding of the season we are in today. Send us visions and dreams as you promised. Pour out your Holy Spirit in great power and strength. Immerse us so we are saturated by your holiness! We ask for clarity to walk worthy of You!