

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

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September 12, 2024 – The Forerunner Message in the End Times – Erlinda Cruz

## ***Friend of the Bridegroom Messengers***

**THE FORERUNNER MINISTRY (Called to walk in the “Forerunner Spirit” is our call and gifting.)**

“The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.”

John 3:29 NKJV

“He is the Bridegroom, and the bride belongs to him. I am the friend of the Bridegroom who stands nearby and listens with great joy to the Bridegroom’s voice. Because of his words, my joy is complete and overflows!”

John 3:29 TPT

“He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the groomsman who stands by and listens to him rejoices greatly and heartily on account of the bridegroom’s voice. This then is my pleasure and joy, and it is now complete. [S. of Sol. 5:1.]”

John 3:29 AMPC

“John answered, ‘It’s not possible for a person to succeed—I’m talking about eternal success—without heaven’s help. You yourselves were there when I made it public that I was not the Messiah but simply the one sent ahead of him to get things ready.

The one who gets the bride is, by definition, the bridegroom. And the bridegroom’s friend, his “best man”—that’s me—in place at his side where he can hear every word, is genuinely happy. How could he be jealous when he knows that the wedding is finished and the marriage is off to a good start? ‘That’s why my cup is running over. This is the assigned moment for him to move into the center, while I slip off to the sidelines.’”

John 3:27-29 MSG

Forerunners prepare people spiritually for the unique dynamics of the generation that Jesus returns. This is your calling, this calling requires nearness to His (the bridegroom’s heart to hear His heart for the bride) heart! It requires an intimacy that is wholehearted, fully belonging to Him.

A forerunner is both the friend of the bridegroom and the bride! It’s not a conflict, it is a relationship and a posture of partnership for His return!

The forerunner ministry does not make sense to the multitudes until the intense activities begin. The wisdom of Noah’s ark was not apparent until it began to rain.

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Even now, God is preparing forerunners in many different streams in the Body of Christ worldwide. These forerunners will function in many different ways and ministry callings. They include those called as evangelists, pastors, teachers, media missionaries, artists, singers, musicians, actors, writers, and those in the marketplace.

Many will focus on making disciples by leading small groups in their church, university, or workplace. Moms and dads are some of the most effective forerunners as they teach their children about Jesus' coming and its implications.

Father, help us to a deeper and clearer understanding of our calling!

Paul the bond Servant of Jesus prayed this prayer for Ephesus, but this is a prayer for the global church and a very important prayer for a forerunner.

“That’s why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, I couldn’t stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I’d think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!”  
Ephesians 1:15-19 MSG