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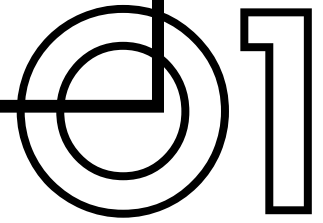
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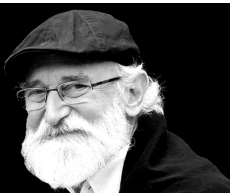


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As we near our two year anniversary since the launch of Restore Magazine, we are providing this high-quality print edition featuring several of our top articles and themes. May this edition serve as an enriching complement to your devotional and equipping resources.

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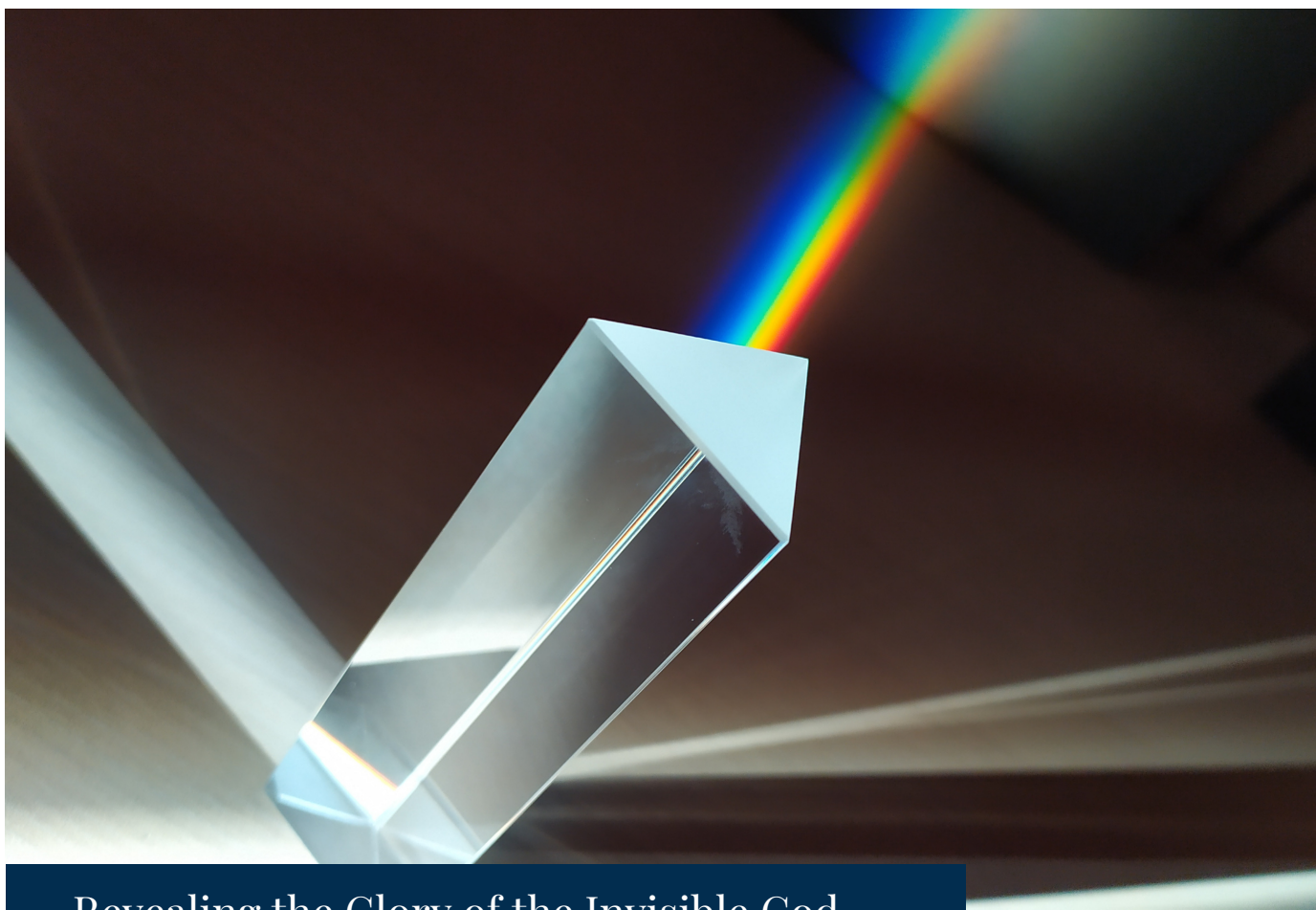
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Revealing the Glory of the Invisible God

Be A Prism

BENJAMIN JUSTER

As we conclude the season of light and clean up from all of the festive community celebrations, family gatherings, and joyful songs, I consider how important it is that we continue to evaluate our effectiveness of reflecting the light of God to the world.

Of course, Yeshua proclaimed, *"I am the light of the world. The one who follows Me will no longer walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*
John 8:12 TLV

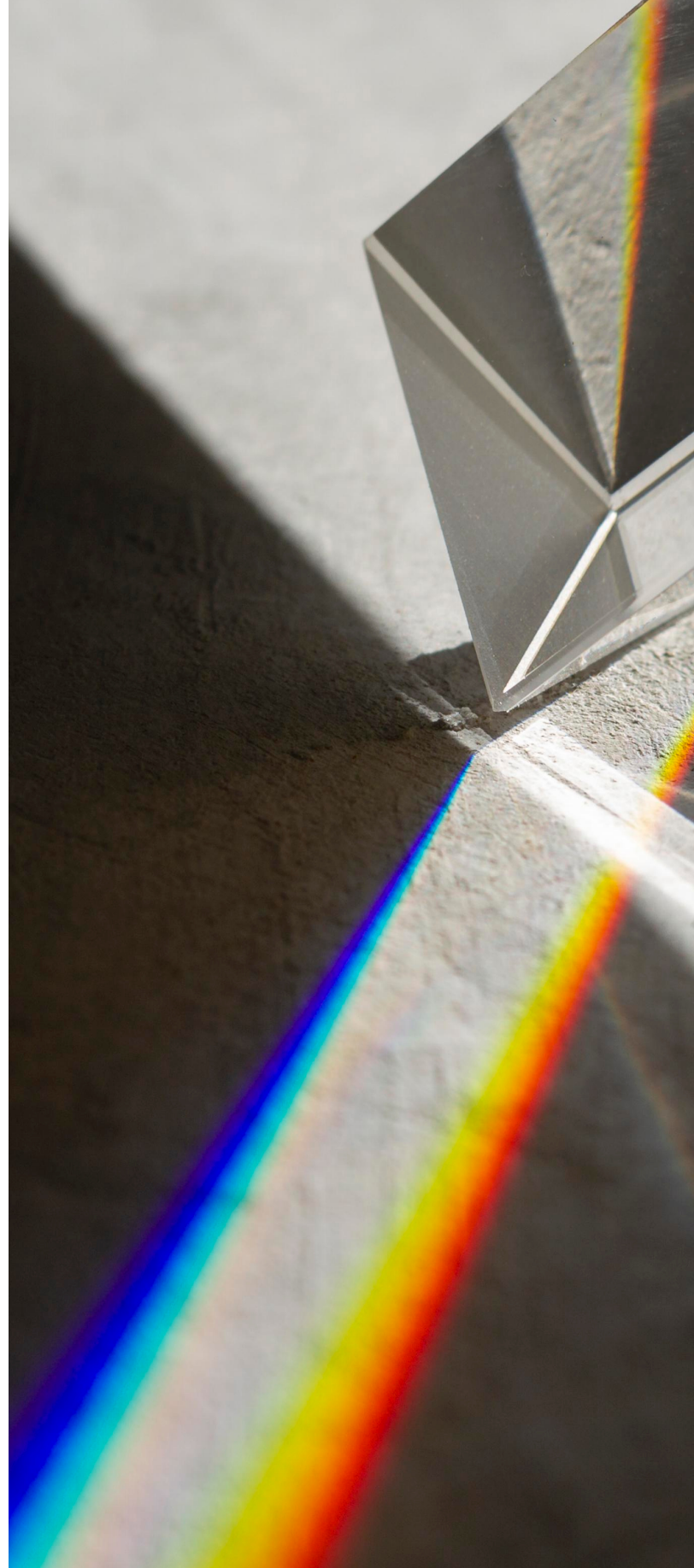
And He also extends this to His followers, exhorting, *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on a lampstand so it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men so they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*
Matthew 5:14-16 TLV

But let's go deeper. You have heard (and likely you have also repeated) Yeshua's exhortation for us to be a light. But what are some aspects of how we can effectively reflect the light of God's glory?

As an elementary student, I remember my fascination when my science teacher pulled out a small prism. He shined a powerful flashlight through it as it cast a vibrant rainbow of colors up on the wall. What a surprising mystery—even though the invisible light shone through this clear crystal, it burst out the other side into a diverse spectrum of color.

Prisms are three-dimensional objects that have triangular faces and are made from a transparent material such as plastic, glass or crystal. Because of the angle of the surfaces, they are able to refract, or bend light in a specific way, often creating rainbows or to disperse light into its component colors.

In a metaphorical sense, prisms can symbolize the role of the believer in the world as ambassadors of the Kingdom that reveal and demonstrate Adonai's glory in the earth. We are agents of change and transformation. Just as prisms refract light, faithful disciples of Yeshua can be envisioned as refracting the light of God's love, grace and power to those around them. It is more than living as a beacon of hope and guidance to those in need—instead, we actually make visible the glory and character of the invisible God!



Be Shaped By God and His Word

A key property of a prism's ability to refract light is that it has a unique triangular shape. As disciples, we need to allow God to shape our character and personality. Before we can refract God's light outward, we need to bend and refract our thoughts and actions towards righteousness and God's will. This involves aligning one's thoughts, words, and actions with the teachings of Yeshua and in Scripture with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It requires a constant striving to be more like Yeshua and to resist the temptation to follow the ways of the world.

Live a Life of Purity

There are different materials that prisms are made of, such as plastic, glass, and crystal. The clarity and the brightness of the resulting colors is directly related to the purity of the material used. Likewise, when we pursue holiness and allow the Holy Spirit to make us pure vessels, God's light will shine more brightly through us. This is not a matter of measuring up to earn God's favor. Rather, it is an overall quality of life that is consistent with the Word of God and the integrity of values matching our behavior.

Position Yourself In God's Presence Continually

A prism that doesn't have a source of light is just a cold paperweight. In order to shine the light of Adonai's glory, you need to position yourself in His light. The moment we step out of His Presence, we cannot accurately display the components of His character. The "gospel" we promote becomes one of words rather than power. Our work of ambassadors starts in the Father's Presence and is maintained by abiding in Him throughout the day.

Disperse the Light

One way that true disciples substantiate their faith is to be a positive force in the world through acts of service and compassion. During the 2nd and 3rd centuries, a primary reason for the spread of the Gospel throughout the Roman Empire was the overall qualities of abundant love and self-sacrifice for others.



They were courageous as they cared for those affected by plagues and sickness. They gave abundantly to the poor. They were long-suffering toward those within the community.

Not only should we love our neighbors as ourselves and treat others with kindness and respect, but we should do the things that even our neighbors won't typically do. Reflecting God's glory in tangible ways testifies to His love and grace. This gives power to the message of Yeshua toward others while we invite them to experience the transformative power of the Kingdom. Overall, being a follower of Yeshua involves living a life that is passionate about revealing who God is to those around us. Just as a prism refracts light in a specific way, as believers we refract the light of God to those around them, bringing hope, guidance, and transformation to those in need.

Remember Where the Light Comes From

Finally, it is important to remember that your best efforts apart from God is only a counterfeit that will diminish or obscure His glory to others. A prism does not produce its own light. So we must maintain a humble mindset to rely on God. We do not take credit for the amazing fruit that will come when we have allowed ourselves to be shaped by Him, live a life of purity, and position ourselves in His presence. Our goal is to be obedient and available. Then the glory of the Father through us will increase all the more.



So, be like Yeshua. When He walked the earth, He made the Father visible to His disciples, to His people, and to the Nation. He modeled humble obedience, worked miracles of healing and deliverance, and perfectly demonstrated the qualities of the Father and His Heavenly Kingdom. He was like a purely refined prism that burst forth in all of the colors of the beauty of God. May you likewise be like a prism that is a conduit of God's Glory!



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-BENJAMIN JUSTER

Being A People

Empowered By Joy

SARAH CLEARY



What are you empowered by? What's the fuel in your tank? I'd like to suggest that we are designed by the Lord to run on the powerful fuel of joy. Joy can mean a feeling of great pleasure, happiness, rejoicing, cheerfulness, or even calm delight. This is not the caricature of joy where one is always happy or never having a bad day, nor facing trials. That's a caricature of joy, not the real thing.

Real joy is relational. Joy happens when you walk into a room, and your friend's face lights up because they are glad to see you. Then your face lights up in response, and you both are glad to be together. That is Relational Joy. The deep sense of being glad to be together.

Abundant Joy and Calm Delight

Regarding joy, Psalm 16:11 reads, *"You reveal the path of life to me; in your presence is abundant joy; at your right hand are eternal pleasures."* (CSB)

In Hebrew the word for "presence" is the same word for "face." So another way to translate Psalm 16:11 is, "in your face is abundant joy".

No wonder Moses's face was radiant! If you're low on joy, you may need to slow down, and behold God's joyful face! He looks at you with a knowing, calm delight. When you turn your face towards God, His face lightens up. The Lord is glad to be with you and in turn, you're glad to be with Him. That type of joy-strength for us as believers in Yeshua is a powerful fuel.

Covered In Dirt

Joy can also be combined with other emotions. Once, when going through a trial I asked the Lord, where He was in all of it? In my imagination I could see Him, in the trenches with me, both of us covered in dirt.

He turned and looked at me, and gave me a big, bright smile. His smile was the only thing NOT covered in dirt! He was with me in the trenches of this trial, and because of that, I knew I was going to make it. The trial continued, but joy and strength renewed my heart - I wasn't alone in my trial.

Psalm 23:4 says, *"Even though I go through the darkest valley, I [will] fear no evil, for you are with me."*

We can go through anything — even extremely hard things — when we look at God's face and at one another's faces in the midst of the trial. We're glad we're doing this together. If you're in a trial, consider stopping and asking the Lord to show you where He is? Or, take a moment and notice which comrades are walking with you through this trial. Might they deserve a thank you? You're never alone. Just look harder.

Relational Joy vs. Toxic Fear

Relational joy is stronger than toxic fear. Sure, fear might fuel your tank until you get that project done, but it is not a healthy, sustainable fuel source for the long haul in our lives. Relational joy is a better fuel if you want to endure to the end. You need good friends and community. If you want good friends, you'll need to be a good friend. If you increase your relational joy, you'll increase your strength to endure hardship well. (*Rare Leadership*, by Marcus Warner & Jim Wilder)



When you stay connected to the Lord and others relationally while going through hardship, that relational joy will prevent the trial from becoming a trauma in your life. The trial will still be hard, but it won't be traumatic because you will know you're not walking through it alone. The Lord and trusted friends will help you process the trial. Your relational joy (being glad to be doing this together) will give you strength to endure the hardship well.

Joy As A Muscle

True joy is a muscle. And like all muscles, it actually has to be used to grow stronger. Gratitude is the daily workout to build your joy muscles. Increasing your gratitude, will increase your joy.



Find things, even little things, to daily thank God for. Find things, and even little things, to thank others for. Don't just think it, but actually say it! "Thanks" fills the tank! Stop waiting for the home run before you're grateful and celebrate that base hit! Celebrate the small victories! Cultivate and guard your face to face relationships with others. Cultivate and guard your face to face relationship with God. That relational time when you're alone with the Lord, in His Word, listening to His voice, that time is a necessity, not a luxury. You will not have enough joy-strength to endure to the end, if you don't have this regular time with the Lord. You need FaceTime with God. Write it down as an important meeting on your calendar and don't miss it. Lift those weights of gratitude and your joy muscles will tone-up nicely.



Cultivating Maturity

Cultivating a healthy and joyful soul will take time. Maturity can not be imparted. No one can lay hands on you and impart maturity. Other things can be imparted, but maturity cannot. Maturity is slowly grown, little by little, in the main and plain of life, over a long period of time.

Maturity cannot be downloaded or installed. Likewise a mature, joyful community is slowly grown within us. We must cultivate and guard a culture of honor and gratefulness towards one another in our communities and the joy-strength levels in our communities will rise. Sure it will take work, but it's worth it. It's worth putting in the extra effort to have deep, healthy, joyful relationships because Yeshua's worth it. Individually and collectively, we want to reflect Yeshua to this lost world. We shine bright and our communities shine bright, so the world will see Yeshua's face! He's so beautiful!

Let's be the kind of people that when we walk into the room, the joy levels, the strength levels, and the "we're gonna make it" levels rise swiftly in the room. That's who we are. We are people empowered by joy. 





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We are people empowered by joy!

–SARAH CLEARY



IS YOUR LOVE GROWING COLD?

FANNING THE EMBERS OF OUR HEARTS FOR YESHUA

EITAN SHISHKOFF

The moment I saw her I was in love with her ...

She was standing at my kitchen counter cutting up vegetables. Our rock band lived in a big house together. Yes, I was the drummer; and it was 1968. Though I had no reason to expect that something was there, mutual friends had described the woman who I instantly knew she was my true love.

Now, more than 53 years later, I can truthfully say that not a day has gone by

that I've doubted what I felt at that moment. Has my passion cooled at times? Have we ever experienced tension, disagreement, misunderstanding? Have the demands of raising children, work, moving across the country and even to another country caused weariness—a cooler temperature to our love? Of course. Inevitably, and by mutual choice, we have forgiven each other and pushed "restart" on our tenderness.

My experience as the husband helps me grasp Yeshua's warning to us as believers entering the end times.



And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars...nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places... And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. (Matthew 24:6-7, 12)

“I Can Feel a Dullness Coming On”

Yeshua warned that during the end times, chaos and the love of many will grow cold. That’s becoming easier and easier to picture. Even while I write this article, I can feel a dullness trying to come on me. There’s just so much to process. Yesterday I watched a documentary about one tribe being slaughtered in Ethiopia by another tribe. Grotesque images of human atrocity, unbearable suffering.

Then I opened another news site and saw Ukrainian streets, dead bodies scattered where they fell. If that wasn’t enough, acts of terror marred Jerusalem—the city of our King—and “at least 13 dead and 50 injured in weekend shootings around the US.” (CNN online, April 4, 2022)

While the loveliness of our Lord is not one which is diminished, these times can be overwhelming, intimidating, and confusing. Our love is confronted by the intensity of a world spinning out of control. Physically, our priority in the days to come will be survival amidst threatening conditions, but we must not focus on these trials to the exclusion of our prime reality: a deepening love relationship with Yeshua, the King of Kings.



Bottom line? Your relationship with God is the most important thing in your life in these last days. Given the circumstances around us, it's hard not to harden one's heart. But the crucial need is for the exact opposite response.

Who's Bringing Salvation during the War in Ukraine?

You may have seen the photos and videos of Ukrainian believers praying and worshiping DURING deadly attacks by the Russian forces. They're seeking God in the bomb shelters. They're gathering to give Him praise while bombs are falling. What's happening there right now, spiritually? Many people are coming to faith.

When the chips are down and people are suffering in my area, who's going to help them find God? Only those whose LOVE has not grown cold; only the ones who'd pursue God and kept the fire of their love burning. When our fire has cooled, it's time to blow on it, like a campfire that's burned down to the embers.

"A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out" (Leviticus 6:13).

An Urgent Message from Yeshua: Don't Leave Your First Love

The ancient city of Ephesus was the most important city in Ionian Asia Minor. A thriving port on the Aegean Sea, it was a center of trade, culture, and pagan religion. Yeshua addressed the congregation there in Revelation 2:2-5. He recognized their works, their labor, their patience, and their intolerance for evil. They had persevered. He just had one thing against them. That they had left their first love.

What does first love look like? I began this article by recalling the moment I fell in love with my wife Connie. Easily, I remember our early days together. It was like a dream. I could scarcely believe that I had found my true love. We couldn't get enough of each other. I wanted to learn all that I possibly could about this Jewish maideleh. We were so much in love that we had our honeymoon in a mountain cave and were happier than being given a honeymoon suite on the Riviera.

Fast forward 25 years ... Now we were living in Israel, planting a Hebrew-speaking Messianic congregation. Few members had cars, so we were filling our vehicles on the way to services and taking people home afterward. Our praise and worship was in Hebrew, Russian, and English, so we copied fresh transparencies for the overhead on the way to our building. At first there was no other worship leader, so I picked up the guitar and upon finishing, gave the message in my broken Hebrew.

In short, I was preoccupied with creating a spiritual community from scratch. Meanwhile, Connie was caring for our multi-generational family. Our children were 25, 22, 7, and 2. At times I slipped into impatience and irritation from the multiple demands. If I'm to be honest, I had—without intending to—left my first love for the “wife of my youth.”



Works Must Flow out of Love

Why did Yeshua rebuke the Ephesians? Because they were like Martha, not Miriam, in the Luke 10 account of the two sisters. Martha was bustling about serving. Nothing wrong with serving. But it bugged her that Miriam just sat at the Master's feet. He said *“Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”* (Luke 10:41,42)

The Lord praised the Ephesian believers for their works, but called them to return to the greater thing, to their first love. It is essential that we do good works—there are many biblical commands not to be ignored. We are to reveal our Father through good works (Matthew 5:14). But, those works must flow out of a LOVE that we pursue as our foundational joy!

How Can We Maintain Our First Love in the Last Days?

First, I need to become an expert in receiving God's perfect love—to remember that my very existence is the result of God's love. And, that I am created for His pleasure.

One way to renew that love is to “look up.” In describing the tribulations of the end of days, Yeshua said, *“Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads,*



because your redemption draws near.”
(Luke 21:28)

Second, I need to refocus on my Savior, my Shepherd, the Lover of my soul. Why did He become one of us? Was it not to relate with and identify with us and to make God's love utterly personal? Love in human relationships is about BEING together, spending time together, DOING things together. Why should it be any different in my relationship with Yeshua my Messiah?

What causes me to drift from my first love for Him? I easily become too busy—even busy seeking to serve Him (like Martha, or the Ephesians). Also, my attention veers away from my Redeemer onto myself. Ugh! That's really the worst, because when I obsess on me (my feelings, thoughts, desires, mistakes, comfort) I lose sight of the One whom to love, is life itself.

Third, it's time to respond to God's love with all my heart. When asked about the greatest commandment, Yeshua replied,

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength.” (Matthew 22:37)

Love is an issue of the heart!

Where is your heart? Where is mine? What are my fondest desires? Where is my mental and emotional energy being invested? I understand that we have jobs, bills, kids, responsibilities. But God also knows that and can empower us to walk in our love for Him while we are faithful to those depending upon us.

Beloved, it's time to reflect, to ask, and to pray,

“Lord, what's pleasing to You and what is not in my life? I want to love You better. I make You my center. I'm listening afresh for Your voice. I'm fanning the embers of my heart to burn and keep burning toward You.”



An Urgent Message
from Yeshua:
Don't Leave Your First Love

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GOOD NEWS FOR JEWS

Good news has to be good. We've all heard of some of these:

"I got accepted to college!"

"I just got engaged!"

"I'm pregnant!"

"I got the job!"

These are "good news" because they are things we wanted—really, really wanted—and receiving them brought us great joy to receive them. It also brings us joy to share them with others. No one throws a party for themselves. We invite people, we laugh, we dance, we eat—we celebrate!

And many times in that party, we tell our story, not a generic story, but a real story, full of hope, struggle, perseverance, and success!

People want to hear it because it's real, because it's personal. It also inspires others and gives them hope.

The message of Yeshua is good news and it's good news to Jews. This may be difficult for many to accept, given the very long history of not-so-good news from the supposed followers of Jesus to the Jewish people—"Leave your people and your way of life and join the Church," amongst many other things—but that was man seeking his own agenda.

God's version of "the Good News" is actually good. His is one of fulfilling His promise to our fathers to save our people from our sins, purify us, bring in the nations to worship the one, true God, and establish His King, Yeshua, in Jerusalem. It also includes giving us His Spirit so we can finally walk in His ways as He's always intended for us to do so. Ultimately, He will establish peace on earth and bring back His exiles to Israel. He must bring peace to the hearts of men before bringing it to the earth. This sounds like good news, news that's worth sharing.

Jews are looking for a message of hope, a message they can grasp. Most Jews want something more, hence their great thrusts of social justice, environmental protection, caring for the poor, interfaith work, peace in Israel and even within various observances of our traditions are a means by which Jews interact with something that is both tangible and meaningful.

When we think of the Good News, are we presenting it so it sounds like good news to Jews? What would sound like good news to Jews? What did the prophets say, what did Moses say? How has Yeshua changed your life? How might we present Yeshua in a way that brings Jews a tangible hope?

Let's think about the person Yeshua. Here is a man, sent by God to bring the news that the Kingdom of God is breaking into this earth and sent to enact the reality that God is destroying the consequences of sin and setting people free.



A servant is to be like his master, so this is exactly what we need to be sharing! And, like Yeshua, we need to think about just how we might share this message with each individual we encounter, making it personal and relevant.

First and foremost, we need to get out there! While we do need to pray (and pray a lot), we also need to get to work! Yeshua likened this to planting seeds, cultivating them, and then harvesting after God provides the growth. Just like with any work, there are methods that work for others, there is trying, and there is figuring out one's own way. Each congregation and each area is going to be different.

Through prayer and evaluation, leadership will also figure out what works best or where our focus must be placed. While it's wise to look to the past and to those who have proven effectiveness in outreach, each community will have to determine what is the best course of action for them.

You can't go wrong with the classic getting-out-on-the-streets and handing out tracts. If they're done well, catchy and to the point, tracts are still a good means to share quickly and en masse. You can use this time to engage in conversation, offer to pray for people, or even share just how much God loves them. Ask people questions to stimulate conversations. It's easiest to do this around the holidays or specific events as this gives it relevance. Of course, go to areas where you know there will be many Jewish people present.

Also, consider joining the "Jewish Community Center" (JCC). Meet people. Have a conversation. Ask people what synagogue they belong to. You can offer to pray for people. In the course of engagement, they will ask you questions. Be honest. And then ask questions to get them to think about what you're saying. Make them think.

You can join a class at a local synagogue that is open to the public. Find something that genuinely interests you and sign up.





Use questions, lots of questions. Invite people over for Shabbat dinner. Take them out to coffee. Be real, be normal, and be bold.

We need to get out, we need to engage, we need to try and try and try. If something doesn't work, figure out why or try something else. Have a team dedicated to strategizing.

Pray and fast for wisdom and power. You can even think about how to serve at various local Jewish organizations for no other reason than to just be a blessing. Let people experience your love—the love of God. We need to scatter seeds. The more seed we scatter, the greater chance we have of seeing growth. And since it is God's will that all Israel be saved, we know He will bless our efforts. 

Pray about when you should share your faith in Yeshua, but do determine to do so. Sometimes it's upfront, and sometimes it's after people get to know you a bit. It's important that others see us as good, decent people.

Go to events put on by the larger Jewish community. Sign up for a 5K Run to support the Maccabi games, go to a rally to support Israel, attend a holiday celebration for which your congregation doesn't have services—get to where Jews are and engage with them.



THE MESSAGE
OF YESHUA
IS GOOD NEWS
AND IT'S
GOOD NEWS
TO **JEWS**

- AARON ALLSBROOK



Raising Children in Today's Culture

JO MILLER

God has a special call on the children now, and He is working through them as never before. The Lord said to me recently,

"Let the children come to Me. It's time for My Spirit to light the fire in the children in greater measure.

They stand as beacons before My throne. I shine through the children, and I desire to use them in greater measure for all to see. Do not hinder them, for they are chosen to bring My Kingdom to this world.

My Spirit fills them, and I will use them to carry My heart beyond limits. Prepare them. Train them to hear My voice. Give them space to learn and to explore the realm of the gifts of My Spirit, healing, intercession, and love for the lost. I am doing mighty things in the children. Do not hold them back. Encourage them to go deeper in Me.”

So how must we prepare them? Here are a few practical suggestions:

- Begin by telling them about the glory that’s about to come and how they will be a part of it.
- Teach them to know what weapons of warfare they have and how to use them.
- Teach them to know the power that is within them and where it comes from. It is the power and glory of God that they possess, and they will see it being manifested in their lives if they learn how to recognize it.
- Continue to speak over them that they are chosen for such a time as this, and that they can know and trust that the Lord is with them every step of the way, never leaving them or abandoning them. But help them to understand that this is His battle, and He has already won.



- They need to learn how to read the signs of the times, to fully understand what hour they are living in, and what it means to “love not your life, even unto the death.”
- Pray for them daily, that the Lord will continue to prepare them for what He has for them.

Do not get discouraged or afraid when you see areas in your children that are rebellious, independent, disobedient, and strong-willed. He wants us to see the children through His eyes, as they will be, rather than what they look like now.

It is such a temptation to see what they look like at home, and the ways they behave, and think that God could not possibly use them. Like Paul and Nathaniel, our children are in God's "preparation time." We serve a mighty God, who sees them as they are called to be, and is in the process of training them.

Keep reminding yourselves that these behavioral challenges now are just unredeemed and underdeveloped leadership qualities God will use in their future.



Ask the Lord to help you recognize their leadership qualities and then ask Him to use you to shape them and redirect those tendencies that are self-centered, so they can be used by the Lord.

Our job as mom's, dad's, and as congregational families is to mold those unredeemed qualities into sanctified attributes God will use throughout their lives for His Kingdom purposes. How? By lovingly redirecting or correcting them, praying with them, restraining them, encouraging them, directing their zeal, helping them discover and cultivate their giftings, and teaching them about God and how to listen for His voice. The Lord is training them to be sensitive and bold in the Spirit.

We are called to love them, discipline them, and pray continually for them. But also, sometimes, our greatest weapon of warfare is to take our hands off and let God do what He has to do, His way. We need to let go and trust Him that He will fulfill His promises to us and our children.

It is also vital that we demonstrate what we believe by living out the Word of God in our homes and congregations, and show them how we relate by respecting our spouses, each other, and especially all those in authority. Scripture says to train them up in the ways of the Lord, and in the end, they will not turn from them.



Be encouraged. As we travel throughout the nations and the U.S., we are hearing of God using children to pray for the sick, intercede for the lost, to purely share the good news and the love of God to all people. Children have an amazing ability to walk in faith and Kingdom promises. And it is so inspiring to see them worship, dance, and pray with total abandonment.

However, don't be deceived. There is a battle raging for our children. The enemy knows how powerful they can be, and he is fighting to silence them and to take them out any way he can, especially through abortion and violence. But fear not. In Isaiah 49:25, the Lord says, *"I will fight those who fight you, and I will save your children."*

Contend for them. Stand firm on God's promises.

Psalm 91 is filled with amazing promises for us all. Declare verses 9-12 over your children every night before they go to sleep. Using these verses, you can pray: *"No harm will befall them; no disaster will come near them, for I give my angels charge over them to guard and protect them in all of their ways."* Verses 14-16 further promises, *"I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them. I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation."*



God will empower your children to go through anything that comes against them. In this life, they will have tribulations, but do not fear. Yeshua has overcome the world and its ways. He has gained the victory for us. He will always be there when things happen to them.

He will be there when they need healing, comfort, mending broken hearts, forgiveness, and will even repair any damage caused by mistakes or sin.

But remember, we all have a part, too, in raising them up. We as parents and leaders should be cultivating their gifts and abilities to see, hear, and discern in the Spirit, and to read the signs of the times, as the Spirit moves. Make room for them in the service. Listen to them when they come to you with a spiritual sense.

In closing, it is vital we understand that children have the same Spirit in them that we do, and the Lord has given them pure, unhindered spirits, which enables them to develop clear vision and acute spiritual hearing as they spend time in the presence of the Lord. Their spirits are very sensitive to everything happening in the spiritual realm, good and bad. It is imperative that we do all we can to limit worldly distractions, screen time on devices, and things of the world in their lives that pull at them and tempt them.

Addictions and suicides are at an all-time high among children and teens because they are being dulled to the truths of God through social media, ungodly shows, and worldly teachings in our schools.

And a word about the cancel-culture environment we live in: watch that we speak of fellow believers and others with whom we don't agree, with love, kindness, and respect. Children are watching and listening.

Too much emphasis is placed on training them up when they are older, more mature to fully grasp it. God is shouting to the Body, "NOW is the time. Don't wait until it's too late."

I felt the Lord say to me, "*Within every child is a warrior.*" The Lord sees that the children hold the keys to the Kingdom. Watch what happens when they worship and as strength, courage, and faith rises up in them.

God is raising up a generation who will not be hindered, nor will they be bullied or silenced by the world!

"NOW is the time. Don't wait until it's too late."

But remember: God's promises are for all of his children. Age is not a factor with God. We must all receive Him as children: in faith, purely and trusting. God is calling us all to be participants in His last days' army.

Joel 2:28 says, "*I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.*" As we abide in Him, He promises to always abide with us.

He said to me recently,

"*I am raising up an army of warriors who have my heart and know how to display it. They live in hope and not fear, walking in grace, power, and authority, knowing that I am carrying out my plans and purposes for this earth. I am training them to be stewards of my presence through the Holy Spirit. They are a people of great faith and courage, who truly believe that, in me, **nothing is impossible.***" 





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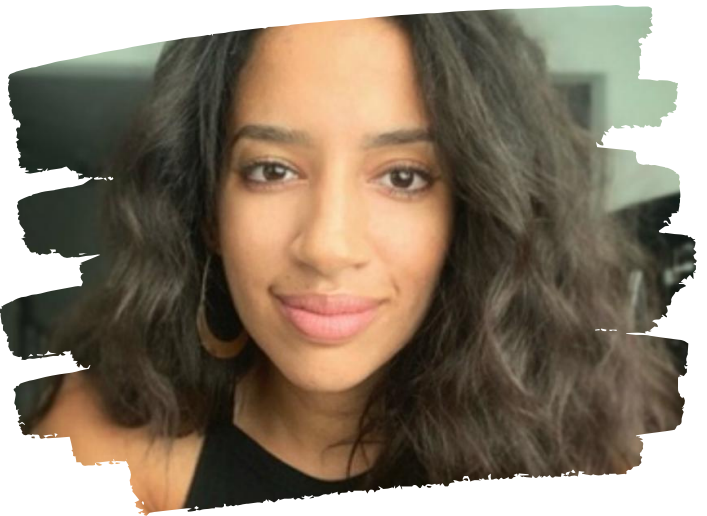
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THE RACHEL MOORE OVERFLOW





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As 2019 was coming to an end, I began to think - and really consider what it was that I wanted and how I was going to govern myself both in the coming New Year and for this new decade to come. How could I thrive in every season no matter what the circumstances hold or grow when things are outside of my control? I looked back over my life and began to reflect on the pain, the joy, the moments of hardship and respite and remembered that it is only when I pursued God with an undivided heart that I was unshaken and could function properly. When I meditate and soak in His Word, when I spend time building and strengthening relationships, when I dialogue with God and invite Him into my "day-to-day" life - these are the moments that clearly define and make sense of all the other ones. When we pursue God, no matter the circumstance and how uncomfortable things might be,

it is in those seasons where He reveals more of Himself and it is there that we can begin to function from the overflow of His presence and from a place of abundance instead of our own power, strength or lack.

Our empty vessels are filled, and as our cup overflows, it begins to fan this fiery passion inside of us to want even more of Him because there is always more from Him to be had. It is only in that place of passion for His Name and allowing Him to refine us with fire that this incredible growth takes place. Life comes forth out of the flames of refining. Regardless of the season, we come out looking more like Him to a world that desperately needs to know that there is Hope.

Hope has a Name and His name is Yeshua, and it is in Him alone that we can navigate through our seasons of unknowns. 



Contending for a Restorationist Messianic Judaism

DANIEL JUSTER

TIKKUN AMERICA AND TIKKUN GLOBAL CONTEND FOR A
RESTORATIONIST MESSIANIC JUDAISM

The phrase “Restorationist Messianic Judaism” is a moniker for our distinct biblical convictions. When we say “Messianic Judaism” we communicate an alignment with the mainstream of

the Messianic Jewish movement worldwide, with a history which extends back to the fathers of our movement in the early 1970’s. The mainstream conviction for this movement even then was that

Jews who come to faith in Yeshua and are called to identify with and live as Jews and as part of their own people. In order that Jews might fulfill their calling to be part of their people, the saved remnant of Israel (Rom. 11:5) and the first fruits that sanctify the rest of their nation (Rom. 11:16), as they promote the planting of Messianic Jewish congregations. Messianic Jewish congregations, therefore, are congregations made up of Jews and Gentiles which emphasize the necessity of reaching Jewish people with the Good News of the Kingdom of God and disciplining them to live a Godly biblical life which includes their Jewish identity and calling.

Gentiles called to the Jewish people join as well to foster the goals of the congregation and to demonstrate that our fellowship of Jews and Gentiles shows the one new humanity vision as seen in Ephesians 2. Messianic Judaism is the Jewish expression of New Covenant faith. The saved remnant of Israel is the saved part of Israel that with the witness of the whole ecclesia will lead to the salvation of Israel and life from the dead. (Rom. 11:14,15) As the Messianic Jewish movement has grown, including Tikkun America and Tikkun Global, we have embraced various models of fostering Jewish life in Yeshua, not only the original Messianic Jewish congregational model, but also within Christian congregations who foster Messianic Jewish homegroups or special Messianic Jewish services.



These become dual expression congregations. There are also twin congregations today. The fathers of the movement were not seeking to change the traditions and culture of the Protestant Evangelical world except that they would embrace the restoration of Messianic Jewish identity, congregational expression and to understand the Bible from a more original Jewish context for interpretation. The Messianic Jewish movement likewise shares orthodox Evangelical convictions.

While we contend for the vision of the mainstream of the Messianic Jewish movement, we also add what we believe are essentials that are crucial for our full success.

We therefore call this focus being “restorationist.” These restorationist convictions are summarized in our books, article and a booklet, The Twelve Pillars. The Hebrew word “tikkun” in the Hebrew New Testament comes from Acts 3:23 and is translated in English as “Restoration.” We read from this passage that He (Yeshua) must remain in heaven until the restoration of all things spoken of by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began is fulfilled. We see the greatest part of the restoration to take place after Yeshua’s second coming. However, since the Reformation, the idea that there is a restoration of lost truth and biblical emphasis has been a very dominant idea. Justification by faith (trust), eldership government, adult or believer baptism (immersion), physical healing, world missions emphases and more were all part of restoration movements in the 19th century. Restoration continues as biblical truth is discovered.

Tikkun joins itself with important restoration emphases on what is and will be taking place before the second coming of Yeshua. This includes the following:

1. The emphasis that the Gospel we preach is the Gospel of the Kingdom. It is a Gospel that invites people into the Kingdom of God; a present reality. We live in and from the Kingdom under the Lordship of Yeshua.



This Gospel is ideally to be presented in power and with signs and wonders in confirmation. The Gospel of the Kingdom implies being disciplined for life in the Kingdom. We are thus a discipling movement.

2. We agree with Pentecostals and Charismatics that immersion (or baptism) in the Holy Spirit is crucial and that all of the gifts and power of the Spirit are important for today. This is both for growth in holiness and in power in winning people to Yeshua.



3. We believe God is restoring an understanding of five-fold ministry gifts from Eph. 4:11 We are in quest to see our congregations equipped with all five so our people will come to maturity and capability in their ministries. We look for those who have such leadership gifts that we might not be lacking in anything.

4. We believe the pattern of the New Covenant Scriptures and its teaching on eldership and leadership gifts shows us that congregations and leaders are mutually accountable and not independent.

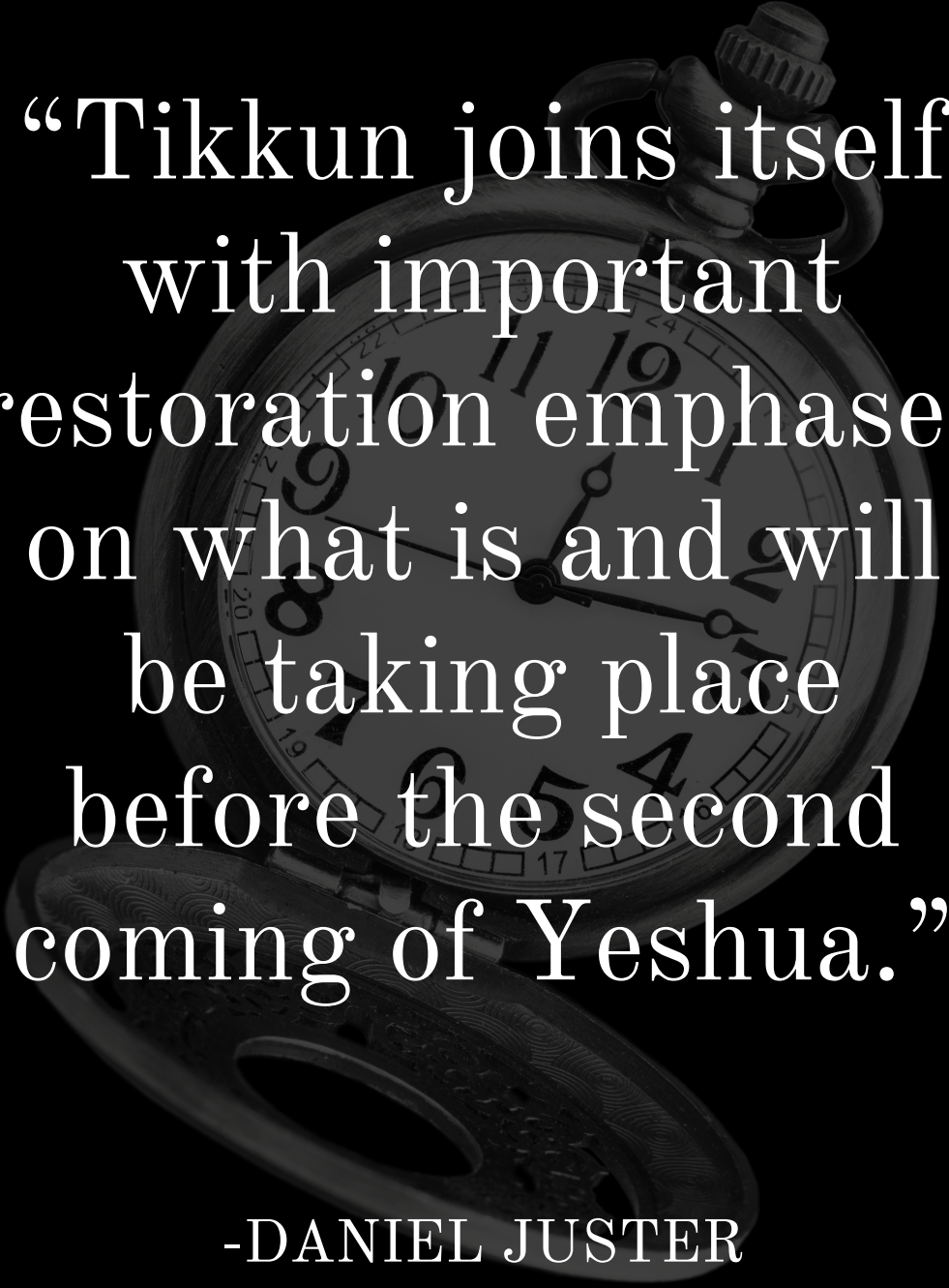
5. We believe the Bible teaches us that we are to be in a quest for unity and that the prayer of Yeshua for unity will be fulfilled, so that "We might be one that the world will believe." (John 17:21) This unity seen in Acts 2 will be seen in every city and region. Ephesians 4 indicates that the work of leaders in equipping is to lead to the measure of the fullness of the Messiah in maturity and unity. As such, we work for unity in our cities, regions and beyond. We are therefore not isolated into only our own Messianic Jewish congregations.

6. We believe there is a coming last revival as indicated in Acts 2, before the great and terrible day of the Lord. Revivals have been the key in moving the Ecclesia forward. There have been and are many pockets of revival around the world. This revival will enable the Church to complete the work of world evangelism before the second coming and will enable the Church (in this sense, the larger part of the Body of Messiah) to partner with the Messianic Jewish movement to provoke a jealous and eager curiosity among those of the house of Israel.

The Tikkun movement of congregations and ministries seeks to be a righteous influence. Yes, we want to grow. But our influence is as important as our own growth. Other Messianic Jewish and Christian networks, we hope, will see and embrace a similar stand and will join together in greater unity and common direction.

Come join us and be a part of and foster a Restorationist Messianic Judaism.





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EMERGING NOW!

Inspiring and Empowering Leaders

BENJAMIN JUSTER

When looking at the current landscape of the Messianic Movement in the U.S., it is sad to see that so many from my generation have either abandoned the movement or even fallen away from their relationship with the Lord altogether. Even so, there are several high quality leaders in their 40's and 50's who are diligently serving congregations, while faithfully representing the remnant of Israel in the diaspora. But without sufficient focus, resourcing, and most importantly, a new move of the Spirit of God among our young people, we are

at great risk of vanishing as an identifiable movement.

Praise the Lord for renewed hope! In February of 2023, Tikkun America hosted its annual Emerge Gathering, an equipping conference of leaders and spouses aged 18-40. It started out in 2013 as a focused relational and equipping time for elders. A few years later, we expanded to include spouses as well. With spouses invited, the easiest way to encourage participation was to also provide accommodations for families with children.

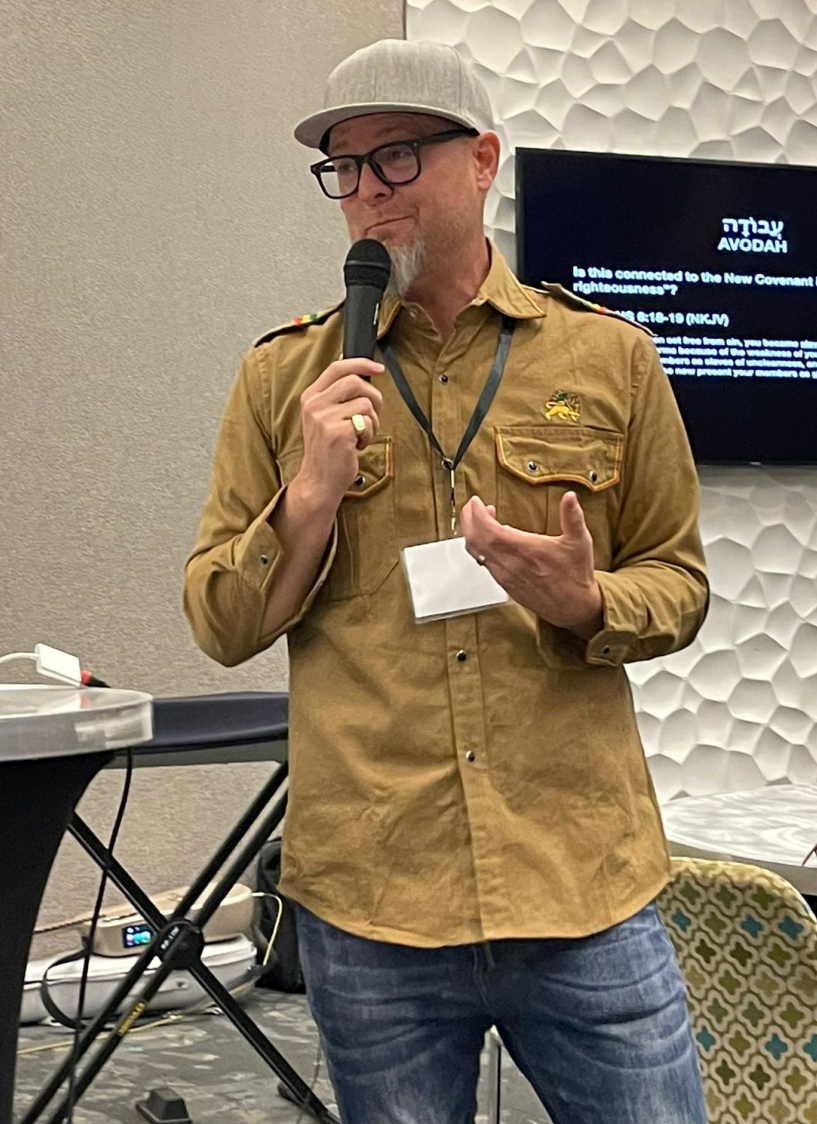


As several of these eldership couples were later installed into Senior Leadership roles within Tikkun Congregations, we then shifted our approach to inspire and develop the next generation of emerging leaders. So we reconstituted the Emerge Gathering to include leaders of various roles and capacities within the 18-40 age range. There has been rich fruit from the strengthened relationships, broadened support and encouragement, and the spiritual growth of these leaders over time.

Last year, we had a few 12 year olds that attended with their parents. These pre-teens were two of the most engaged participants, worshiping wholeheartedly, asking thoughtful questions, and taking copious notes.

My dear wife, Lorena, had a strong sense that we were to open up the gathering this year to certain 12-17 year olds who were passionate for the Lord and were specifically recommended by their congregational leaders. The world doesn't discriminate when pummeling our young people with its own twisted world view messaging, so we need to be intentional about reaching and equipping our young people now. And what an opportunity to practice generational partnership, that we would exhort the older leaders in the conference to model servanthood and seek to empower those around them. We called this year's conference "Emerging Now."





What a tremendous success it was! Though the new format was certainly a risk, the results went beyond our hopes and expectations. Many of the attendees said this was their favorite conference that they had ever attended. Several of the teens felt that this was a defining gathering for them, expressing appreciation that they felt “seen” and included. The Spirit of God moved among every participant, young and old alike. Practical teaching and enrichment exercises were geared toward learning to lead by and through God’s grace for whatever circumstance one might find themselves in, whether in the workforce or even congregational ministry.

Troy Wallace, VP of Congregational Development with Jewish Voice Ministries, was our guest keynote speaker. Rabbi Aaron and Brook Allsbrook did a wonderful job of coordinating the planning committee and helping to oversee the gathering. Please keep this generation of leaders in your prayers so that we might see the fullness of the Lord’s plan worked out in their lives.

It is important that each one of us takes responsibility for our part in inspiring and cultivating the next generation of leaders. Here are five considerations as you get started:

1. Grow in Your Spiritual Maturity

One of the greatest impacts we can have on emerging leaders and young people is when we demonstrate and model what it looks like to be maturing disciples of Yeshua. If you continue to grow from year to year and reflect the Spirit’s transforming power in your life, this will carry more weight than almost anything you can say.

2. Accept the Mess

Foster a culture that allows for mistakes and missteps. Engineers know this full well — that without trials and many failures, it is impossible to push beyond what we once thought was impossible. Yeshua sent the disciples out on their own for hands-on practice in preaching the Kingdom, healing the sick, and ministering deliverance.



3. Extend Trust

In your own journey of life, there is always a “first time” for everything. You needed to step out and do something before you had the experience to do it well. We should always extend trust toward people a little beyond what they have proven they are able to do.

4. Do It Together

Invite the various ages and roles within the congregation to do things together. Ask them to help plan a congregational or ministry event with you. Challenge them to prepare short testimonies or teachings for their small groups. Give them the opportunity to sing on the worship team. During congregational events, plan some fun activities that bring everyone together.

Of course, there will be times when it is appropriate to have unique gatherings or meetings for specific demographics in the community, but be intentional about where you include the young people and emerging leaders.

5. Celebrate Successes

"No person can be a great leader unless he takes genuine joy in the successes of those under him." - W.H. Auden

Intentionally show honor and rejoice in the success of others around you. Yeshua was overcome with joy (Luke 10:21-24) when His disciples started to walk in their calling. When we express excitement and gratitude about what God is doing in and through other people, it motivates them to grow and set bigger goals for the future. 

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