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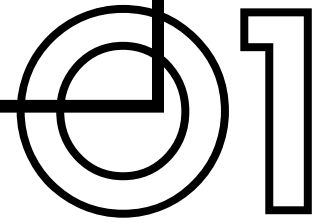
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Power of Choice

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Every day you face hundreds of choices. Many are seemingly insignificant, but others are life changing. Even trivial, inconsequential choices may end up causing tremendous harm in your life. Think about that extra helping of dessert. Make that choice only once, it's no problem. But make that choice repeatedly for multiple days, weeks, and months on end, you will eventually become twice the person you used to be.

An incredible freedom that God has given to each of us is the power of choice. If we don't like where we are or what we are doing today, we can work to change it. And even those things that you feel you have little control over, you are still given the choice of how you will respond.

This month marks the celebration of Purim, a significant Jewish festival commemorating the triumph over genocidal evil against all odds. Shockingly, the victory achieved was not through military prowess or miraculous divine intervention.





Instead, it was orchestrated by ordinary individuals who, through a series of deliberate and impactful choices, sparked a stunning reversal of Haman's (BOO!) murderous schemes against the Jewish people.

Think about how different the story could have turned out without these critical decisions along the way:

- Mordecai's request for Esther to keep her heritage a secret as she became queen.
- Esther's choice to trust Mordecai and follow his instructions.
- Mordecai's decision to expose the plot to assassinate the King.
- Mordecai's refusal to bow in worship before Haman.
- Esther's obedience to go before the King and petition his favor.
- King Ahasuerus' choice to receive Esther and to attend the banquets.
- The King's choice to issue an alternative decree allowing the Jewish people to defend themselves.
- The Jewish people's willingness to fight to defend themselves.



Amidst dire persecution in Persia, the Jewish people confronted immense adversity. However, Mordecai and Esther refused to surrender to despair, holding onto the unwavering belief that change was possible through their influence. Despite the looming threat of personal peril and death, they courageously embraced faith and responsibility to take decisive action. Their unwavering determination to confront the situation was bolstered by a steadfast attitude that informed their responses in the face of hardship.

In the Torah, Moshe passionately implores his people, emphasizing the profound power of choice that Adonai had given them. The Hebrews are urged not to succumb to the influences of the nations around them or the challenges they encounter daily. Instead, they are reminded that their destiny hinges on the decisions they make—whether to embrace Adonai and His teachings or to forge their own path based on personal desires and their own perceptions of what is right.

At each pivotal point, the avoidance of action due to fear of personal risk or failure could have upended the survival of the Jewish people.

In Man's Search for Meaning, Holocaust survivor Victor Frankl marvels that, "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one's attitude in any given sort of circumstances, to choose one's own way."

"I call the heavens and the earth to witness about you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore choose life so that you and your descendants may live, by loving Adonai your God, listening to His voice, and clinging to Him. For He is your life and the length of your days, that you may dwell on the land that Adonai swore to your fathers—to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob—to give them."

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 TLV

Don't excuse your lack of growth in the Lord by the hardships you might be facing:

- Spirituality is demonstrated by a choice to live a life of devotion to Yeshua, no matter what challenges life may bring.
- Maturity is learning how to love others with the heart of the Father, even when they mistreat you or overlook you.
- Faithfulness is reflecting a life of consistency of godly character, revealed by the daily choices of how you invest your time.
- Leadership is modeling service and empowerment of others.

One more bonus. Spiritually faithful people are able to overlook another's faithlessness. They choose to focus their hearts upon God who is always faithful, continuing to fulfill their duty. Only your relationships with others can prove your faithfulness. A person that doesn't love cannot be faithful.

Ask yourself some tough questions:

1. Who has God called me to be (the best version of yourself you can envision)?
2. What can I do right now to choose to demonstrate that identity?
3. What can I remove from my life that is keeping me from that identity?



You will only become what you are becoming right now. Choose today to engage in the things that lead you to become who God has called you to be.

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Taking[✦] *Responsibility* For What Has Been Given

Zachery Williams

Our congregation, “Remnant of Israel” in Wichita, KS has the rare blessing as a Messianic congregation of fully owning our own building. It was built in the early 1950’s with a common vaulted architecture of the time, and it even still has a “Fallout Shelter” sign on the outside of the building. A couple years ago in a maintenance area, I found an old, heavy catalog cabinet with shallow pullout drawers. I looked in the drawers and found that it contained alphabetized attendance cards from 1955 and 1956.

Interestingly, in the weeks before the Emerging Leaders Conference in Kansas City in February 2024, several pictures were hung up at my workplace stating, “In God We Trust, motto of the U.S.A., signed into law July 30, 1956.”

So, when I had the chance recently to teach on Numbers 26 & 27 a week before the Emerging Leaders Conference, I understood that God was highlighting things from a previous generation to be shared with this generation.



There are three important generational transitions in these two chapters in the Book of Numbers. First is the counting of the second generation, and Num. 26:64-65 explains that not one of those counted was among those counting at the beginning of the wanderings in the wilderness except for Joshua and Caleb. Since God ordained the previous generation to completely die out in the wilderness, the full responsibility passed to the next generation was not retained by lingering living leadership like those in most generations.

The transition was so stark that God took them through a similar exodus experience by crossing the Jordan into the land around the time of Passover so that they had their own experience and ownership of the calling and commands of God. The entire generation even needed to be circumcised in Joshua 5 because the previous generation had not passed that on to the new generation in the wilderness.

We get a more specific picture in the second generational transition in this passage with the daughters of Zelophehad requesting an inheritance since their father did not have a son. Rather than this being an issue of women's rights that our modern sentiments might see here, the daughters' purpose in requesting an inheritance was to pass on their father's name. Put simply, they see a responsibility that nobody else can take on and their response is "Hineni – we will take responsibility here."

Note that when the other men of Manassah made a request in Numbers 36 that the women be required to marry within the tribe to maintain the heritage, the women agreed. They did not have a spirit of entitlement but rather a spirit of honor for their heritage and in that, a sense of responsibility to maintain that heritage. Notice that God's perpetual judgment after these womens' request is that any time a man has no son, the daughters are next in line before other men within the extended family. Somehow the passing of the generations within the family took priority.

Those of us endeavoring to raise children in the Messianic faith dearly desire that the faith is passed on to the next generation, and that truly is the heart of the matter. However, the full magnitude of the heritage is rarely appreciated.

Consider how if multiple generations accumulate wealth, not just one fortune is passed on but instead, multiple fortunes. If our spiritual heritage in the faith - whether Jew or Gentile - had been accumulated every generation since Abraham, then the last generation in the end times should be the most spiritually wealthy generation of all. You are the ones with the heritage of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Samuel, David, Elijah, Hezekiah, the Prophets, Ezra, the Apostles, the last two thousand years of diverging faith histories, and most of all Yeshua Himself. Good, bad, and otherwise, your spiritual heritage is a wealth beyond counting!



Lest this be taken in a way that brings undue guilt or shame, I understand that approaching this topic from a perspective of responsibility could make it is easy to miss that the content of that heritage is deep, intimate, holy worship and relationship with God who is merciful, gracious, truthful, just, and kind. Then out of that worship and intimacy comes the spiritual gifts, callings, and manifestations of the power of the Holy Spirit. However, it is because the heritage we have been given in the Kingdom is of such great value that our responsibility is also great. It is because intimacy with God is the very breath of life that we are responsible to guard it. The responsibilities God gives us holds much weight, but they are not burdens.

The third generational transition in this passage is the passing of leadership from Moses to Joshua. Notice that God picked Joshua; Moses just asked that God would raise up a man for the job. So why Joshua? I think it is obvious when you also compare Joshua to the stories of Joseph, David, and others. Joseph took responsibility for working wherever he was – even prison.



David took responsibility and protected his flock as a shepherd. Joshua had simply been a man who took responsibility for what he was given and beyond as the attendant of Moses so Moses could fulfill his calling. Also, he stood up in faith with Caleb among the 12 spies. God saw a man willing to stand in the gap. God picks those who take responsibility for whatever they are given, and then they are given more.

For me personally, taking responsibility is a fundamental part of leadership, but not because leaders ‘need’ to take responsibility. It is fundamental because those who take responsibility can be given more. We are willing to trust and follow people who take responsibility, and thereby give them the influence over us that makes them leaders. Leadership is the result of taking responsibility, not the other way around.

Usually, people seek honor or power and then realize it comes with responsibility. We should learn in the Kingdom of God that this is backwards. We should seek to be responsible and honor those who have greater responsibilities (i.e. honor your father and mother). That is why for me self-sacrificing leaders are the most inspiring. They are not trying to lead; they are just trying to be responsible for themselves and others. Yeshua drew me in because I knew I was responsible for my sins, but He took responsibility where I was not able to. Yeshua’s great reward came from Him taking great responsibility onto Himself for our sins to the glory of the Father.

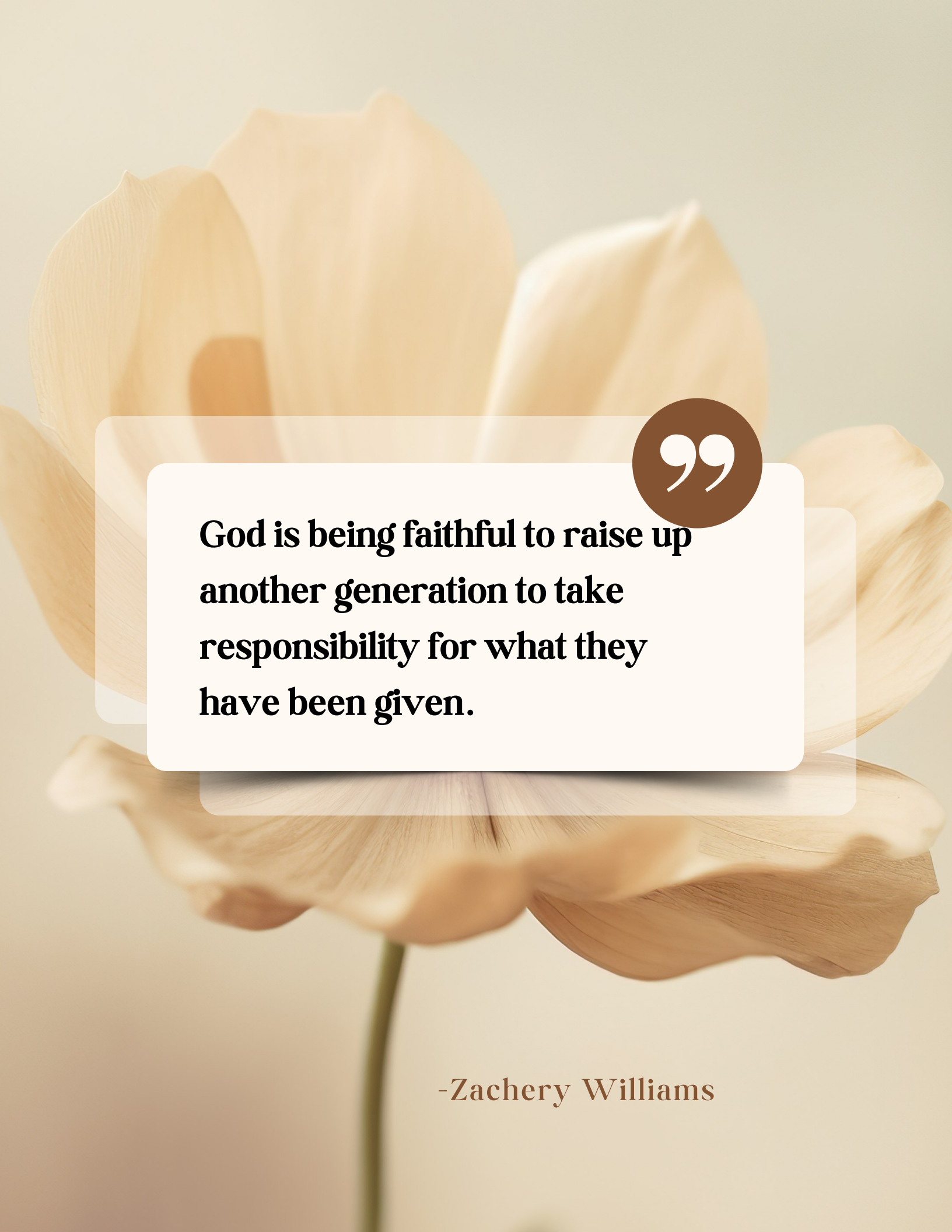
To illustrate what I mean about leadership coming from taking responsibility, I think about one of my favorite scenes from *The Hobbit*. When Thorin and company are escaping from the orcs and are stuck up in trees and almost falling off the edge of a cliff, Thorin sees his nemesis that he believed had long been dead. Any number of things could have been going through his head, but it all boiled down to a simple decision that he was going to stand up and fight. He nearly dies, but the next several phases of the fight involve Bilbo joining and eventually most of the rest of the dwarves joining the fight as well.

Thorin did not tell them to do that. Thorin did not have some plan that was being executed. Thorin simply made a decision to get in the fight (i.e. to take responsibility), and others then made the same decision to fight alongside him. The difference in real life is that the battleground is the hearts of men, and what we are fighting for is the Kingdom of God to take over our hearts and others' hearts as well. The self-sacrificing leadership of Yeshua set the perfect example for us. Our responsibility is also our sacrifice for those who come after us.

Having just come from the Emerging Leaders Conference in Kansas City, it is easier to sense the weight of responsibilities to our God, families, communities, the body of Messiah as a whole, and to seek and save the lost when you picture what it takes for one generation to pass that on to the next.



You do not notice the weight of something that you do not try to move; you notice it when passing it to or receiving it from someone else. You get a sense of God's perspective calling to His children when you realize that while you want what God offers, the next generation has to want it for themselves as well. It is humbling when you see those in the next generation that truly desire that for themselves. God is being faithful to raise up another generation to take responsibility for what they have been given. It is our responsibility in these last days to take ownership of the spiritual heritage given to us and to multiply it further. 

A close-up photograph of a light orange flower, possibly a lotus, with its petals in various stages of bloom. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light beige. Overlaid on the image is a white rectangular box with rounded corners containing a quote. To the right of the text box is a brown circle containing a white double quote symbol. At the bottom of the image, the author's name is written in a brown serif font.

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PURPLE CURTAINS

GLENN BLANK

"Make the Tabernacle with ten curtains of fine woven linen of blue, purple and scarlet, with cheruvim made by the work of a skillful craftsman.... Make a fine woven linen curtain of blue, purple and scarlet, with cheruvim.... The parokhet will divide for you between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies...." Exodus 26:1,31,33 (TLV).

According to the plan Moses was shown on the Mountain, he was to assemble the Tabernacle [Mishkan, Dwelling]. This plan included white linen [y'ree'ot] that formed the outer walls of the Mishkan as well as the curtain or veil [parokhet] a thick curtain that divided the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies. The Talmud (Shekalim 8:5).says that the parokhet was a hand's breadth or about three to four inches thick, so no human could possibly see through it. It separated the Holy of Holies,

into which the kohen gadol entered only on Yom Kippur in order to sprinkle the blood of atonement, from the Holy Place, where the other kohanim tended to the menorah, the table of the presence and the altar of incense.

The *parokhet* was made of blue, purple and scarlet in twisted linen, with *cheruvim* woven in by a skilled craftsman. The plan also called for a screen [*masak*] for the door into the Holy Place (26:36) and another screen for the entrance into the white linen walls of the *Mishkan* (27:16)—each also of blue, purple and crimson scarlet.

Thus the plan for the Tabernacle called for thick curtains separating the innermost sanctum from the inner Holy Place, and additional curtains separating the court with the altar of sacrifice from the community of Israel. Were these curtains designed to keep the holy God apart from sinful common people? **Or** were they designed to provoke humans to desire and worship Him? Were the intimidating *cheruvim* woven into the curtains barring access to the Holies (*parokhet* means “bar out”), just as they barred access back into *Gan Eden* (Genesis 3:24)? Or do the Scriptures stir up longing to return to the tree of life within? Yes, both.





When a place is made special and separate, it awakens curiosity; it arouses desire to be in the presence of the One who is so unique and wonderful. This curiosity and desire are instrumental to faith. One must be interested to desire, and one must desire to set one's heart to seek the Holy One. Since one could not see inside the Holy Place unless one was a kohen [priest] and one could not see inside the Holy of Holies unless one was the kohen gadol, everyone else could only imagine what it looked like or what it felt like within, based on descriptions in the Torah. Faith involves holy imagination concerning what it is like within the place of the presence. Holy imagination seeks "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of realities not seen." (Hebrews 11:1).

Though the *parokhet* was torn, top to bottom, when Yeshua died on the cross, that didn't automatically give physical access to everyone into the Holy of Holies. Rather, it provides access to everyone through Yeshua's atoning sacrifice—through faith. Faith involves holy imagination concerning what it is like within the place of the presence. The plan of the Holy Place was designed to provoke interest—the beautiful work of the weaver of *cheruvim* and blue, purple and scarlet into the linen of the curtains surely provoked interest—and that interest was designed to provoke curiosity, and that curiosity was designed to attract people to draw near, not physically, but by faith.



The Spirit of Messiah desires for us to boldly enter the Holy of Holies. Yeshua taught about an inner room—a holy place behind your personal parokhet—anywhere you can be intimate with God—in Matthew 6:6,

“When you pray, go into your inner room; and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father, who sees in secret, shall reward you.”

The reward is the fruit of loving God with all your heart, soul and strength. The reward is answered prayer, in agreement with what Abba Father reveals to you, just as Yeshua agreed with what the Father revealed to Him. Just as the Father gave instructions to Yeshua, so He gives instructions to those who abide with Him—called words of knowledge or words of wisdom—and He backs up His rhema word with Ruach Kodesh power.

In his book *Intimacy with God*, Randy Clark writes (p. 14),

God’s “... commission to believers begins with intimacy, which opens the door to revelation and in turn builds a confident faith that allows the miraculous works of the kingdom of God to flow on the earth through believers like you and me.... This flow of the supernatural from God to humanity draws humankind to the Father.”

One morning I had a dream in which I saw a material made of purple, with red and blue threads. I marveled at it! As I was waking up, I was explaining to a child how wonderful it is that we see purple, and why—because it is rare on the earth, and hence it was in ancient times expensive to make, and therefore became a color prized by rich people, priests of God, and kings.

That evening while listening to a preacher speak about the awesome presence of the Lord, my dream of the material made of purple came back to my mind. Then the Ruach told me that what I had seen in my dream was actually the colors of the curtain in the Mishkan. Until the curtain was ripped in two when Yeshua died, giving access to go within the veil to the presence of God, the colors of the curtain, along with the cheruvim woven into them, spoke to all outside of the awesome presence of the glory of God.

Lord God, You are awesome. You invite us to dwell with you, behind the curtains. From there, may we bring forth treasures of healing and wisdom to others, so that they may also desire and draw near to You. 

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-GLENN BLANK

A person wearing a green jacket and a dark beanie is sitting on a stone ledge, looking out over a calm body of water under a blue sky. The person is seen from behind, and the stone ledge they are sitting on extends into the water.

YOU

ARE *Not* ALONE!

JAMES KEARNEY

A Prayer for Israel

What is going on with the current war between Israel and Hamas? Why does this vicious struggle generate chaos and strife worldwide? How can we as members of the body of Yeshua, both Jew and Gentile, not only better understand the roots of this battle but also join in prayer to partner with Adonai to bring His Kingdom of Shalom (peace) through these battles?

The root of this ongoing battle is not physical but spiritual. Behind the current battle between Israel and Hamas is the conflict between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. I am not saying that Israelis are all on the side of God and the Palestinians on the side of Satan. Remember when Joshua met the angel the night before the battle of Jericho? Joshua asked the angel,

“Are you on our side or their side?” To this the angel replied, “Neither. I am on the Lord’s side.”

Nevertheless, in this war we are witnessing Satan using Hamas, Hezbollah, the government of the Republic of Iran and many of the Palestinian people in seeking to destroy the nation and people of Israel. The Adversary is using these two nations as proxies in his larger war against God Himself!

Part of Satan’s strategy has been building up demonic strongholds within Islam and the Palestinian people, not only them, but also within the Liberal Progressives here in the West. Our Apostle/Emissary (Sha’ul) Paul used strongholds to describe lies which have been built into highly fortified or defended spaces in the mind or within cultures. He thus wrote to the ecclesia in Corinth about how to tear down such strongholds of untruth. *“For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds....”*

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.

Our Prayer for Israel at PRMI

Early in December 2023, PRMI —“Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International” —a spirit filled Reformed ministry, held a two-day prayer engagement where a group of us was led by the *Ruach haKodesh* (Holy Spirit) to pray for Israel.

Furthering this purpose-bearing fruit includes doing the works Yeshua did while he was living on the earth. It is moving in signs, wonders, and miracles. By doing Yeshua’s work we bring Him much glory.

Yeshua said that abiding in the vine is necessary for fruit bearing and fruit bearing releases joy. He said that if one does not abide in the vine, it is impossible to bear fruit. Then he states that one continues to abide in the vine through loving Him and obeying His commandments (John 15).



We are a ministry partnered with Tikkun and as a ministry, we seek to walk fully in alignment with our brothers and sisters in the Messianic community.

It was at this two-day prayer engagement that the Lord focused our prayers as follows,

The Prayer Engagement

Pierce Demonic Cloaking

We began by praying for God to pierce the haze of misdirection and misunderstanding that the devil has generated to cloak his schemes. We were also led to pray into **Isaiah 25:7**,

“On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.”

As we gathered, we prayed for this shroud to be removed from the Nations so that they would clearly see the truth of what is happening in this war.

In our time of prayer and deep intercession, Adonai revealed to us how the horrific events of October 7th themselves initiated an international piercing of Satan’s cloak of deception, revealing what all the aid to the Gaza strip was really building, as well as how the Palestinians are being raised and trained in hatred towards Jews.



Hamas. We prayed for the members of Hamas to become disillusioned with Hamas, and likewise to become disillusioned with the lies and counterfeit of Islam. Over them we prayed the words of Isaiah 9 that,

“The people walking in darkness would see a great light,” - The Light of Yeshua! We also prayed for the salvation of all the Hamas soldiers and especially those who had been captured, that they would see and recognize this Light.

U.S. Israel Relations

During our time of prayer, we prayed for Adonai to close the breach between the United States and Israel. We also prayed for the U.S. to elect an administration that is more friendly to the people and nation of Israel in 2024.



Break off Demonic Influence

We prayed in the name Yeshua against the spirits of Lilith (i.e. spirits of radical-feminism, lesbianism), the king of Islam, and the spirit of witchcraft. One intercessor saw high level demons hanging over the White House which have been welcomed in:

The demon behind Hamas (violence), the demonic forces behind Radical Marxism, the Prince of Persia (Iran). This person also saw strings hanging down attached to people in the White House who were acting as demonic couriers - sending messages down those strings, manipulating them like marionettes under the control of the Adversary. In seeing this vision and direction from the Lord, we prayed for God to send angels to unravel the strings, to cut off all communication and manipulation of White House staff.

We also prayed for Adonai to scramble the demonic communications, to cut off the connection between former President Barack Obama and current President, Joe Biden, to confuse and cut off all lies that are being produced by Biden's intelligence staff. Likewise, we prayed that God would break off the strings from the *Squad* in Congress, which has come in alignment with the demonic Marxist agenda. In our prayers, we also prayed that this entire whole structure would collapse like the walls of Jericho!

President Biden

We prayed for Adonai to surround President Biden with voices in support of Israel. We prayed for him to wake up to the reality that he is being manipulated, that he would get angry and reject those controlling him. We also prayed that the testimonies of the victims of October 7th would pierce his heart and that he would repent before God of how he has allowed cursing over Israel. We also prayed for a messenger of truth to slip past the defenses and speak with him.

Prayers around the United Nations.

On the second day, one person saw the word “UN-holy.” In our time of prayer we saw how the United Nations is using the religion of Islam to cause the chaos required to bring in a coming one world government. They have been knowingly complicit in supplying Gaza in this war and against Israel and intraining them. This is how Satan has cast a miasma over them, a spirit of confusion.

We further prayed that just as Adonai gave Pharaoh's and Nebuchadnezzar dreams and visions, that He would likewise give dreams to the leaders in the U.N.. We prayed He would discredit the voice of the Permanent Observer for the State of Palestine. Throughout all of this we declared blessings over Israel in order to counter the curses and for Adonai to fulfill His purpose for Israel.



Salvation of the Jewish People. As our central goal, we prayed for Israel to yield to Yeshua, and specifically over them we prayed the words of Psalm 81:13-14,

"If Israel would only follow my ways, how quickly I would subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes!"

We further prayed that Israel would realize that it is not the government that will save them. It is not the IDF; it is not the Iron Dome; it is not the United States; it is the God of Israel, Adonai.

Final Prayers

Our two-day prayer engagement ended with prayers for Israel to be unified in the midst of the conflict and for a swift end of the war.

Dear readers of Tikkun and the Messianic Jewish community, it is my heart and the heart of all of us at PRMI that you know that you do not stand alone; you have many friends. Know that we are praying for you, and for Israel. God Bless you all! And praise be to HaShem, who has included me and so many of my Gentile believing friends into the family of Abraham!



Hey
DO NOT
STAND
ALONE

-JAMES KEARNEY



PRAYER & ACTION

MARTIN BOARDMAN

So Joshua did as Moses said, and fought the Amalekites, while Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. [and] When Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed ...”
(Exodus 17:10-11 TLV)

There is a vital relationship between prayer and action, which is essential for any kind of ministry which seeks to advance the Kingdom of God. Prayer needs to be a foundational component of the work that is done, and it needs to be ongoing to sustain the work of the ministry.

John Calvin wrote about the necessity of prayer stating,

“Therefore we see that to us nothing is promised to be expected from the Lord, which we are not also bidden to ask of him in prayers.

So true is it that we dig up by prayer the treasures that we pointed out by the Lord’s gospel and which our faith has gazed upon.”

Prayer is needed to see those things which the Lord has said He would do, would in fact be realized. As a result, every aspect of ministry needs to be connected to the work of prayer.

The story of the battle at Rephidim (Exodus 17) is a beautiful illustration of how prayer and action work together to advance God’s Kingdom. Moses does the work of prayer and Joshua is the one who engages in action on the ground. Within the narrative of Exodus 17, Moses and his prayer team are seen engaging in the work of prayer and intercession. Joshua, with his army, are the one’s engaging in the physical

battle down on the battlefield, while Moses is seen, praying with raised hands and his staff in his hand. As a result, Joshua and his men were successful in their day of battle. But if Moses became tired and lowered his hands, Joshua and his men would be pushed back.

While Joshua dealt with the human problem of the Amalekite army, Moses was simultaneously dealing with the spiritual issues. As Paul would remind the Ephesians:

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” - Ephesians 6:12

Moses as an intercessor was praying for God’s will to be done. In this case, this was the preservation of the Jewish people. But he was also praying against the enemy’s strongholds, which the Adversary was using to try to destroy the Jewish people. Such also reminds us of the story of Passover and how Pharaoh abused and tormented the Israelites, as it was later with the Amalekites who hated Israel. Of Pharaoh, Exodus 1 reminds of such cruelty in stating,

Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, ‘Look, the people of Bnei-Yisrael are too numerous and too powerful for us. Come, we must deal shrewdly with them, or else they will grow even more numerous, so that if war breaks out, they may join our enemies, fight against us, and then escape from the land.’ (Exodus 1:8-10)

Yet although Pharaoh was used by the Adversary to oppress and enslave God’s people as an act of holy intercession, God sent Moses to deliver them and bring them to Adonai’s promised land!

As with Exodus 17, the battle was ultimately won against the Amalekites because both Aaron and Moses did what they were called in the moment to do by the Lord. Joshua fought while Moses prayed. Both the physical and spiritual aspects needed to be dealt with for the battle to be won.



This dynamic of prayer and action is necessary for the work of ministry today. There is a need for people like Joshua, who are involved with the ministry “on the ground.” But they have to be backed up by people like Moses, who can do the work of prayer and intercession.

Anytime we seek to advance the Kingdom of God, we can expect there to be pushback or resistance from the enemy. We may face unexpected challenges or miscommunications leading to confusion and projects slowing or grinding to a halt. Sometimes it can feel like you are trying to move forward while walking through quicksand or are facing hurricane-strength winds seeking to push you back. At times, it is easy to think that a project may just be too much trouble to continue with. Discouragement robs us of the joy of ministry.



That is why “Moses intercessors” are vital to the work that Shammashim (deacons) and others are called to perform in local congregations. Modern day Moses intercessors have one foot on earth, watching what is happening physically, but they have one foot in Heaven (seated with Messiah in the heavenly places) while actively listening to the Lord. For these intercessors, Yeshua will give them a strategy for prayer and direct them to intercede for God’s will to be done and the enemy’s plans frustrated. Likewise, the intercessor provides covering and protection for those involved in ministry. They ask for God’s mercy and his blessing upon the ministry and those involved in it.

For our prayer endeavors and ministry functions, many times our focus is seen in trying to find volunteers who can do the ministry ventures which are happening. Yet at the same time we are tasked with the need to recruit intercessors who can cover the work in prayer. Finding one or two people who can pray, then resourcing them with accurate information to be effective in the work of prayer can take time, but it is vitally important. This is equally true for prayer covering and intercession in any Messianic congregation or church.

However, the effort will be rewarded when just like Moses, their hands are lifted in prayer, and God blesses the work of Joshua, and His Kingdom is advanced!



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