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A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Have you ever thought about what these words, "light of life," really mean to us as followers of Yeshua? We know that when we walk in the light, we don't usually stumble because we can see where we are going.

But, life in this world is messy, and it is complicated. Historically speaking, humans will get it all wrong, time and time again. We really can be our own worst enemy if we face our life without Elohim, but remember we are in Him. Don't forget to face your challenges "spiritually," bringing the supernatural into the earthly realm. I know from years of watching people as they realize the truth about Yeshua's authority in us that their lives regain purpose in the light. The light of revelation is transforming not only to that person but also to those who knew them "before" — Hallelujah!

The best witness we can be should be found in how we respond when facing life challenges and especially how we treat others; this is more powerful than anything we can say with words. God did not promise that we wouldn't have trouble in this world, but He did promise that He would never give us more than we can bear, and He would always make a way through. People need to see this reality in a believer's life. We are not failing when we go through challenging places; it is allowing the glory of Yehovah to be seen. Never undermined the importance of our testimony when troubles come because our example in Yeshua will shine a light of true life and the overcoming power of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible doesn't say, "Come to Yeshua, and your life is going to be easy and problem free." In fact, the Bible says, "But he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved." (Matthew 24:13)

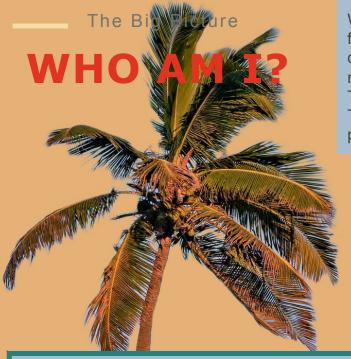
The storms we go through as believers will pass. How you handle these storms of life will speak volumes about your faith to those around you who are searching for the truth of the Messiah. We know the devil comes to steal, kill, and destroy; but, when you turn to Yeshua and put your faith in Him, you can have joy and peace in the middle of turmoil, and this is a compelling witness.

In the current global climate — including the last two years when the whole world was caught up in the clutches of control, fear, and panic — the light and peace in believers who put their faith in Yeshua stood out more than ever. We have become the lighthouses on a hill, calling people to follow Yeshua's light and stay away from the rocks of lies and deception. What a great blessing to live in this day! While the darkness is getting darker, praise be to Elohim that the light is getting brighter and shining through the shadows that are looming over our land!

Mission Week — February 2nd-9th

I want to invite you to join us this week as we broadcast more teachings and share about the ministry and the plans we have for this year. We appreciate everyone who gives to the ministry and supports the work we are doing in the Land of Israel. I am inviting everyone to pray for the resources we need for the upcoming projects — reopening our broadcasting center and opening a space for discipleship training. We are also committed to improving our Hebrew and are looking at how we can make a difference in the Land and to the nations through speaking Israel's native tongue.

My hope for this year is that we will be more of a mission agency than we've ever been before, reaching people through evangelism and outreach and watching as the Father releases them into their callings! Many blessings, Kenny



When we look within our hearts to find out who we are, we may focus on our attributes, passions, core values, likes, and dislikes, how we feel about specific issues in the world. We may even look at ways of changing into who we want to be. The world encourages us to be our BEST SELF. This focus is on YOU and this in itself creates a very serious problem for a believer as it is in direct conflict with the WORD.

"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" (Jeramiah 17:9)

THE BLUEPRINT FOR MAN WITHIN CREATION

(Genesis 1:26-31) Then God said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, in Our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created mankind in His own image, in the Image of God He created them; male and female He created them.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day."

God made all creation and said, "It was very good" but then man disobeyed God and became the image of Adam (fallen man)

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:

The old has gone, the new is here!"

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

So,

the real question we should be asking is, "Who is God?" The answer to that is found in YESHUA, our Messiah.

If you want to know Yeshua, He can be found firstly in Scripture.

As you read the Word, Yeshua will reveal Himself to you.

As you reach out to Yeshua in prayer, He will answer you.

As you accept the truth of who Yeshua is and repent, He will dwell in you.

Through the power of Holy Spirit, YESHUA WILL RESTORE YOU BACK TO HIS IMAGE

Into The New

OVERVIEW

I was thinking about the best way to approach the subject of DISCIPLING and how we are called to shine the light of Yeshua to people we come in contact with.

It seemed fitting to start with Yeshua and WHO HE IS since we should reflect His light and image, not ours. We are dead, remember, and born again, made new! As we allow the Holy Spirit to change us and become more mature, His light in us will become brighter.

I then thought about the people to who we might be called to witness the love of Yeshua; and GRACE came to mind. My mind wandered through all the stories in the Messianic Writings where Yeshua reached out to the unloved and untouchables, people who were shunned by society as not worthy.

He reached out to the people who knew they needed a Saviour.

How can we reach out to others if we don't see them the way Yeshua sees them?

If we look at everybody who isn't in the Kingdom of Yehovah as a lost soul, stumbling in the dark and in bondage, we will start to understand the heart of the Father and His compassion for them.

Whatever people have in this life in the natural, whether its good looks, an excellent reputation, fame, or fortune; without Yeshua, it is all just tickets blowing in the wind that will burn up one day. Remember the parable of the religious rich man who came to Yeshua to ask how he could inherit eternal life and walked away discouraged? Yeshua, loving him, told him to sell all he had to gain treasure in heaven and follow Him. Having wealth is not a problem unless it becomes an idol and stops you from following Yeshua.

If we are wondering what exactly we are meant to be doing in terms of discipleship, Yeshua made it very clear in the GREAT COMMISSION.

He also made it very clear how we would do those things He was commanding us to do—with the promise of the Holy Spirit.

I wanted to understand how the early Disciples understood the HOLY SPIRIT, and how they experienced the power of the Spirit dwelling within. So I started in the Book of Acts as this was where the Disciples saw their Messiah leave and waited for the Holy Spirit, as directed by Yeshua, before they moved out. We see how Peter spoke boldly to the crowd as they witnessed the Disciples speaking in other tongues, which they all heard in their language. This was the power of the Spirit in action in Peter. (Acts 2:1-11) It can be a struggle, in the beginning, to know how to get to the place where you recognize the voice of the Ruach HaKodesh, but persevere; you will get there. It is part of the process of a believer. I found some great key points in a teaching by Kenny called, <u>How To Hear The Voice Of God</u>, which you can come back and listen to by clicking on the link.

I then went on a journey in the Book of Acts to understand the BIBLICAL MODEL OF DISCIPLESHIP by following the path the early disciples took in those first days, weeks, and months after Yeshua had ascended to the Father. He knew they would be guided and encouraged by the Ruach HaKodesh to complete the task that He had given them to do. He also knew they had everything they needed; it was time for them to leave the nest! They all did; and set an excellent example for us to build on. We get to see how they moved on, with all the imperfectness of being human with a restored heart and the power of the Holy Spirit within, to carry the light of Yeshua to the nations just as we are called to do.

And finally, they put on the FULL ARMOR OF GOD, which we also are called to do as we wake up and greet each new day full of possibilities to bring in a new harvest for the Lord.

I hope you enjoy taking this journey with me as you make your way through these pages.

Grace and peace, Esther



A PICTURE OF GRACE

Yeshua Anointed by a Sinful Woman

"When one of the Pharisees invited Yeshua to have dinner with him, He went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.

A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Yeshua was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume.

As she stood behind Him at His feet weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

When the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

Yeshua answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, Teacher," he said.

"Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both.

Now which of them will love him more?"

Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Yeshua said.

Then He turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman?

I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet.

You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.

Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown.

But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

Then Yeshua said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

Yeshua said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

(Luke 7:36-50)

GRACE

I recognized GRACE today, and I struggled to comprehend it. My mind couldn't find a reference to identify what I was watching play out before my eyes. I didn't truly understand GRACE by reading it in the Book; I had to experience it at my very

I witnessed a man who I deemed so undeserving of grace, shown so much mercy and care and compassion that it broke my heart to see the love of Yehovah played out. Somehow it made it possible to forgive what I believed was unforgivable. Where there was a wall quarding my heart, there is now only warmth and forgiveness and complete trust in a living God that it is all part of His plan to bring salvation to a lost soul, born in captivity. Did I truly understand that there is nothing that any of us can do to earn God's favor? That it is a gift of significant cost from the heart of the One who created us. Even those who have given themselves over too much darkness can be bought into the LIGHT! To Elohim, there are no varying degrees of darkness that He judges us. We were all in complete and utter darkness before we came into His LIGHT!

GRACE can be described as the unmerited favor of God.

but because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Yeshua, when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved. And God d us up with Yeshua and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Yeshua HaMachiach, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His Kindness to us in Yeshua HaMachiach. ourselves, it is For it is by grace you have been sav ah faith-and this is not the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Yeshua HaMachiach to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:4-10)

Suppose we can grasp this truth that GRACE through Yeshua has been extended to EVERYONE in the world. In that case, it starts to paint a very clear picture of true forgiveness no matter who you are or what you have done." So then, by what standard do we withhold forgiveness to others or judge if their deeds are worthy of our graciousness to forgive? By what standard are we judging ourselves worthy or not worthy of the forgiveness that sets us truly free of the bondage of the consequences of sin.

If we can set our sights on the standard that Yeshua set and reflect that LIGHT of graciousness to others around us, we will see that it is not about our individual circumstances that matter but a much bigger picture of redemption and the restoration of a loving FATHER to His children.

Esther



E RUACH HAKODESH (HOL)

(Acts 1:4-9) "On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard Me speak about. For John Him and asked Him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the Kingdom to Israel?"

Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

The Holy Spirit is a gift from the Father, We are immersed with the Spirit. The Spirit gives us POWER to be witnesses for Yeshua.

(Acts 2:1-11) "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors of God in our own tongues!'

> The Holy Spirit dwells inside of us and enables us to SPEAK in heavenly tongues. He also give us the ability to INTERPRET those tongues.

(Acts 2:14-21) "Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

The Holy Spirit enables us to PROPHESY, receive visions and spiritual dreams. He shows us wonders in the heavens above and signs on earth below. He pours out over us all.

(Acts 2:32-33) "God has raised this Yeshua to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and

The Holy Spirt is ONE with Yeshua and the Father and testifies of Yeshua

HE RUACH HAKODESH (HOLY SPIRIT)

HaMachiach for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is

The PROMISE of the GIFT is also for our children and all who are far off.

(John 3:5-8) "Yeshua answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

> We must be born again of the Spirit as well as water to enter the Kingdom of God. We are FREE in the Spirt.

(John 14:16-17) "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of Truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.

The Holy Spirit is our other ADVOCATE who is always with us.

(John 14:26) "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

The Holy Spirit TEACHERS us all things and REMINDS us of Yeshua's words.

(John 16:7-15) "But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When He comes, He will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in Me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; He will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

The Holy Spirit proves the world wrong in regards to sin, righteousness and judgement as He is the Spirit of Truth. He is our GUIDE, the VOICE of the Father and the Son.

(John 20:21-23) "Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

The Holy Spirit is our PEACE breathed out by Yeshua, our Messiah

HEARING THE VOICE OF THE SPIRIT

- 1. The biggest hindrance to hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit is your flesh. We want to control, so we need to learn how to deal with SELF. We need to get into Yehovah's presence and lay down our lives before Him. Yield to Yeshua and allow Him to lead in your life.
- 2. We need to be spiritually aligned and not walk in deception, compromise, or indifference. The Holy Spirit is our teacher and counselor who will bring us back in line if we commit ourselves to Him.
- 3. We need always to know and accept His will and His voice. The guaranteed seal that we belong to Him is that we know His voice. "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (John 10:27)
- 4. Elijah heard the voice of the Spirit as a "still small voice" (1Kings 19:12)
- 5. Enquire of the Spirit what is Yehovah's plans for your life; ask the question and wait for the answer. We are called to function according to His will.
- 6. What's blocking you from receiving from the Holy Spirit? Sometimes, we can start to hear the voice of the Spirt and as revelation starts to flow, we cut Him off and stop listening. We are so amazed that we can hear but then we lose it. Then we start trying to work out the rest of it by ourselves, adding our stuff to it. This can cause you to stumble and even make you doubt whether there is God. It's better to wait till you get the full revelation. Ask the Holy Spirit for to show you again.
- 7. When you are constantly saying, "I don't understand," could it be because you don't want to change?
- 8. If we have a spirit of fear, Yehovah cannot use us. We are called to walk in faith, not fear.
- 9. True discipleship is teaching people to know His voice. To know His voice means to walk in the light of Yeshua so we can see. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

 We don't need to wait on confirmations; we have the light of the revelation of the truth within us.
- 10. You came to Torah through revelation, so you have heard His voice. Think about your testimony of what Yehovah has done in your life and when you listened to His voice. He speaks to us in a way that we can understand if we know Him and spend time with Him. We have to include Him in every aspect of our life, not just when we come together as a community.
- 11. We've got to practice His presence all the time. Turn off the music in your car sometimes and tune into worshipping the Father instead. Think about a time when you heard the voice of the Spirit and go back to that place. Maybe the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) will speak to you in that place again.
- 12. Start fasting. Fasting is a great way to recognize the difference between the voice of your conscience and the voice of the Spirit. There is a difference, and it will become very distinct as you start your fast. The voice of your conscience will get a lot louder as you stop feeding your flesh, and then the voice of the Spirit will get a lot clearer. Take account of the difference and be alert in the Spirit. Identify the voice of your conscience and the voice of the Spirit and make it a priority in your life.

A Pray of Surrender

"Father, I come before you and ask you to take away every hindrance and blockage that is preventing me from knowing You and walking in Your ways and I give you permission to rule in my life."

BUMBOZERIAITH

THE GREAT COMMISSION

"Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said,

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of YESHUA HAMACHIACH, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Make disciples, baptize, teach obedience to God)

(MATTHEW 28:16)

"Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it." (Preach the Gospel to all creation; signs and wonders will follow)

(MARK 14:20)

"Then he opened their minds so they could understand

repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." (Preach repentance for forgiveness of sins, the power of the Holy Spirit is promised)

(LUKE 24:45-49)

"When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.

Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to (Laying down our life to glorify Yehovah) go."

Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

(JOHN 21:15-19)



according to the Book of Acts

How did the first Disciples of Yeshua learn how to disciple? First and foremost, they listened and watched Yeshua. They followed what He said and what He did. Yeshua kept them close to Him so they could learn from Him. Yeshua does the same for us...

The Holy Spirit may give you a specific word or direction on how to approach a situation and this is what you need to listen to and act on.

(Acts 1:8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

(Acts 2:4) All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

(Acts 2:7-12) Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

2. They constantly referenced from the Tanach (Old Testament) through the Prophets and the Psalms to witness who Yeshua was. They preached everywhere they went.

(Acts 2:14-21) Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Joel 2:28-32)

according to the Book of Acts

And from the Psalms

(Acts 2:22-36) "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me.

Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest in hope, because You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,

You will not let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence."

(Psalms 16:8-11)

"Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

"The Lord said to my Lord:

'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet."

(Psalms 110:1)

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and

(Acts 2:37-41) When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day."

according to the Book of Acts

4. Signs and wonders followed - They healed the sick, cast out demons, picked up deadly snakes (Paul on the island after the shipwreck) whose poisonous venom could not harm them and spoke Messiah and Son of Elohim (God), as prophesied by the Prophet, Isaiah.

people would believe in Yeshua.

Yeshua said we would do what He did and much more.

(Acts 3:2-10) Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him."

(Matthew 8:16-17) "When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases."

"Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." (Isaiah 53:4-5)

(John 11:4) When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

(John 20:30-31) "Yeshua performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

(John 14:12-14) Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." 5. They didn't wait around to go to Bible College or waited till the knew "everything' about the Kingdom before they could go out "preach the Gospel, lay hands on the sick and cast out demons." They had been with the Messiah and He had taught them all they needed to know to be a disciple and make disciples.

according to the Book of Acts

(Acts 4:12-14) The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Yeshua of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Yeshua is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say."

(2Timonthy 4:2-5) "Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry."

(1Corinthians 2:15-16) "The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ."

(2Timonthy 1:7) "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline..

6. They put Yeshua first in their life. Their desire was to follow Him and obey all His commandments. They knew this would clash with the world they lived in and if it meant making a stand rather than disobeying Yehovah they would see no other choice. This also how we are called to walk. We have to lay down our life as Yeshua did. We disciple by our actions as well as our words.

Acts 4:18-22) "Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old."

according to the Book of Acts

(Acts 4:23-31) "On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

"Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one." (Psalms 2:1-2)

Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your Holy servant Yeshua, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Yeshua." After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."

8. Each Disciple did what Yeshua had called them to do. After Yeshua ascended into heaven, He had left explicit instructions on what they were to do from there on; the Great Commission. We know the Disciples, including Paul, were not only 'called', but were specifically chosen to be Apostles, visual witnesses of all that Yeshua said and did during His ministry on earth. Our calling as a disciple of YESHUA HAMACHIACH is also the Great Commission, as detailed in the Gospels. This will look different for us depending on where we are planted in the world and the life we live. Yehovah may have called you for a specific job to do or you may be called to establish a ministry. Whether we know what Yehovah is asking of us or not, we all have something to contribute to help establish the Kingdom of God here on earth. One thing that we can all do that is powerfully impactful is to pray.

We need to pray aloud, pray in the Spirit often and pray together as a believing community. If we follow the Disciples in the book of Acts and how they started their journeys, we will have an solid foundation to build on as their teacher was Yeshua, the Messiah.

Everywhere they went they preached the Word, healed the sick, cast out demons, looked after each other, and ensured there was no lack amongst the believers. They supported and encouraged each other, corrected each other when they were wrong, and rejoiced in who Yeshua was and what He had done for them. Community is everything in the 'Body' of Messiah. We were never created to walk this journey alone; we need whatever gift we have been given to be effective as His Body.

And Yehovah added souls to the Kingdom daily.





KEYS TO DISCIPLESHIP

- 1. We all need to be born again through Yeshua to see the light of the revelation of the Word.

 As a disciple, we baptize new believers in water, Yeshua baptizes them in the fire of the Ruach HaKodesh.
- 2. As a follower of Yeshua, being His disciple means learning and teaching how to live as a believer in Yeshua. What can the Father do through me? Pray for the brokenhearted, pray for opportunities, divine appointments, and Holy assignments. The Holy Spirit will open up doors and conversations for us to minister the truth into people's lives.
- 3. Firstly, share the message of GRACE. Share how it is Yeshua who has set us free, not because of good things we have done, it is a gift of salvation, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8)

 We all need salvation, "There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." (Romans 3:23)

 it doesn't matter what you have been through or what you have done in your life. We all need to be covered by the blood of Yeshua, and for Him to go before us, so we can be received by a righteous Elohim.
- 4. Share your testimony. If you are born again of the Spirit, you have a testimony of the truth dwelling within you. Think about ways you can share your testimony of how Yeshua set you free with others. We have a very effective tool at our disposal called technology. How easy is it to record your testimony using your phone and share that way. If you are struggling, ask the Father to help you. God already knows who you are going to witness to. Think about Moses and how he stuttered, and Yehovah provided Aaron to speak on behalf of Moses. Yehovah needs your willingness to obey His call. We can all testify and be a witness of the glory of Yeshua wherever we are in our lives; Yehovah can use us no matter our age, occupation, married or single as long as we, "Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33) We have got to get to where we know we are about the Fathers' business. What is the Holy Spirit saying? Are we allowing the Holy Spirit to operate through us?
- 5. Be transparent (when it is appropriate) about your ups and downs to those who you are discipling, so they can learn through your life in Yeshua. This makes what you say relatable.
- 6. Be a cheerful giver. Whatever you give into the Kingdom, you will reap for the Kingdom. Whether you're sharing the Word, showing love and compassion, giving your time, skills, material things, or finances, we all have something to offer, and the blessings will show.
- 7. Finally, put on the full armor of Yehovah; stand up, and walk out the door...

The Armor of God

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devils schemes.

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. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lords people.

Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains.

Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Ephesians 6:10-20

Redeemed TESTIMONIES

Lying in the hospital bed, struggling to breathe with no energy, I knew this virus was determined to take me down. Still, Yeshua was just as determined to bring me through. He knew the victory was His, and all I had to do was believe and put all my faith in Him.

I arrived at the COVID ward at 5.42 am on a Tuesday in September and from that moment, I felt the presence of Yehovah reassuring me, and it never left.

"Because I walk in my Father's ways, I am protected." (Deuteronomy 7:15 with vs.12)

"Fear not for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your Elohim; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)



I knew Yehovah was preparing me for what lay ahead. At seventy-four years of age, I was aware that catching COVID at this stage in my life was probably not going to go well. My body may have been weak, but the faithfulness of a mighty Elohim who I serve was rock solid. I also had the support of my steadfast and loving wife, Jennifer, plus family and friends who were praying for me. I was ready for the journey.

It's humbling that in the moments in life where we feel the most vulnerable, Elohim feels the closest. I don't think anyone would willingly choose to walk in the shadow of the valley of death but to experience the presence of God in that place is life-changing in a way that is hard to explain, unless you have walked a similar path. He took me to times in my past where He had sheltered me and bought me to safety. He was increasing my faith. He knew how much I needed Him there in that hospital room. Scripture upon scripture flooded my mind chasing away all fears and doubt. The enemy loves to try and gate crash when he sees you are at your lowest. But he wasn't invited, so I wasn't letting him in. I kept my eyes on Yeshua.

It was hard on Jenny as well, as she wasn't allowed to be with me. But Yeshua was holding her close, reassuring her that He had me in His hands. We do everything together, so to be apart when you need each other the most was very painful and lonely. Not being able to reach out in the darkness and hold each other's hand was tough. But she advocated for me with the doctors and made sure all the right decisions were being made. I will be forever grateful.

After about nine days, I ran into problems as my oxygen levels had plummeted, and I developed pneumonia. Still, I wasn't uncomfortable, and the doctors couldn't understand why. I could...

"The Lord watches over you - the Lord is your shade on your right hand; the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil - he will keep your life." (Psalm 121:5–7a)

I continued to develop more complications as the days went on, and I required a higher level of oxygen support. My blood pressure and my stats got so low that I was transferred to a high dependency ward.

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wound." (Psalms 147:3)

"YHVH is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my Elohim, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." (Psalms 18:2)

My Lord and Saviour was never far away, and I felt the peace of His presence and the comfort of His words.

Sometime during the night, I stirred from my sleep because my back was chilled. The window behind me was slightly open to allow any COVID virus to be ventilated from the room.

Redeemed

TESTIMONIES

by grace

place of peace and safety.

Just at that moment, my blanket was pulled down and tucked in. I said, "Thank you," but there was no response. Even with the full-face mask on, I could scan the room, and there was no one there!!! Later I felt the back of my right forearm gently brushed, but again no one was there! Were these divine appointments of angels attending to me?

Over the next couple of days, my oxygen levels began to improve, and I didn't need as much oxygen support. However, I was still critical as the COVID virus was attacking my lungs. If I deteriorated any further, the next step would be intubation, and there was a 50/50 chance of survival. Jenny was praying for me, and Yeshua was feeding me every day on words of assurance in the Word. I was content, knowing I was getting the care I needed. But all my confidence was in knowing that Yehovah was watching over it all. I was really in His care; everything else was secondary to that.

The mask was really hurting my nose. The consultant had been in, and they tried me without the heavy mask for a few hours to see how I responded. Oxygen support was now reduced to 40%.

The noise from my soft mask was like steam from a steam engine. Recovery is a journey from illness to health, keeping you moving forward. You may remember a scene from Doctor Zhivago when his family

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Isaiah 14:24)

travels across the Steps of Russia towards the Urial Mountains. They were fleeing from a place of war and destruction to a So this is my journey, from a place of sickness and death to a place of health and life. My room was like their boxcar as I couldn't see much in the physical. Then I saw a vision of a powerful black loco pulling me steadily, relentlessly forward. Like their boxcar, I could see the sky and the shining sun. There was no smoke, and the driver sat to the left of the cab. I saw his back, continually checking and making minor adjustments to the engine controls. Father speaks to us in the Spirit through our past physical experiences.

The minor adjustments by the driver represented the continuous attentive work of the Spirit of Yehovah. The fact that the the driver never looked back was because Yehovah had decided my illness would 'not be unto death.' (John 11:4)

"I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you" (2 Kings 20:5), thus nothing needed to be checked.

"Yehovah has sworn, "Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will happen."

As surely as Doctor Zhivago's train made it's way slowly to the safety of the mountain, I knew my journey of recovery was going to be steady but strong. Yehovah confirmed I would live, which gave me an overwhelming sense of joy. I am now out of the hospital and back home with my Jenny. We thank Yehovah every day that He was there with us both in a place we never thought we would be. I was never worried about dying because I knew I would be with the Lord, but I was sad for Jennifer to be left on her own. We sat down together and read the journal of my time in hospital, both weeping as we realized the enormity of Yehovah's word and His blessing.

Gerry and Jenny



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Words of Encouragement by Hannah-rose Russell

Matthew 9:37, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

I'm seeing so many people declaring the end of the world and preaching about the times we're living in, but very few are speaking about pressing into the present! Instead, you have "prophets" looking up at the sky, watching the news for more "signs," and encouraging people to store up provisions for the coming tribulation (whatever happened to 'storing up treasures in heaven?)

With so much noise comes confusion, and I feel like people are struggling to know what they should be doing at this time. Yes, we live in a precarious era, but the last time I checked, that doesn't mean our stories have come to an end, or our work is any less important! The present is HERE, and it's not to be wasted! I don't believe this is the hour for isolation or "running for the hills," but of proclamation and obedience! Now is the time to be honing in on the work God has called us to do and shining a light as we bring glory to His name and serve others!

Where are the people willing to step out of their bubbles and minister to the lost and searching? Where are the ones who will share HOPE and LOVE rather than fear and condemnation? Where are the groups that will shout Yeshua's name and be a testimony to the rest of the world?

The lost are waiting to meet their Savior, but how can they hear the true gospel if we're locking ourselves up prematurely, condemning those living in the world, and only associating with like-minded believers? Let's get to work in the harvest fields and be a VOICE in the sea of confusion, fear, sickness, unbelief, and hatred!

PARTNERSHIP IN MINISTRY

Gottalife Ministries is blessed to have a growing partnership base standing with us. We want to encourage newcomers to consider partnering with BulldozerFaith, monthly or as the Ruach HaKodesh leads.

We have been serving the global community of believers for over 28 years through media, online, and traveling ministry. For us, it is not only about people listening to teachings and attending ministry events but also joining together with other like-minded people to engage in missions. Today, we are connected with a growing group of passionate believers from different nations who desire to gather in one designated online space for prayer and encouragement in the Messiah. This has inspired us to launch Crossing Point Global Community to support the calling the Father has placed on our lives and create an environment for us to unite in faith and purpose.

The positive takeaway from the events of 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic is that we have enjoyed more frequent interaction and online fellowship. Our daily devotional times have been a great source of encouragement and faith-building as we focus on edifying and supporting many on their daily faith walk. Through BulldozerFaith, get ready for more spiritual growth and consider playing a part in our mission to develop ways to interact and build a strong faith community. Crossing Point's focus is to be a new platform developed within Bulldozerfaith as an outreach tool to share with our families and friends, bringing Yeshua's truth through the Torah and the Gospel of the Kingdom. We will be providing better access for personal ministry, prayer groups, and discipleship training to equip and operate more as a faith community where we can serve each other and function better as the body of Messiah, making a difference in others' lives.

Our direction in outreach is in three steps for ministry growth: friendship, relationship, & partnership.

- 1. **Friendship** Outreach through caring for the needs of others and hands-on personal ministry.
- 2. **Relationship** When we spend time together around the Word in the presence of Elohim, bringing us all to closer relationships, as a family, being one in the Messiah.
- 3. **Partnership** When we establish mutual trust and desire unity together in outreach and fellowship, partnering becomes easy for seeking His Will and being dedicated to giving in time and finances to support the ministry.

We are prayerfully seeking Elohim to bring new partners to join us as the Spirit leads us to continue maintaining the ministry and expanding into the areas of greatest need.

Kenny is available to chat with you if you are considering supporting us in any way, and we thank you for being a part of what Yah is doing through BulldozerFaith. Please send him an email at kenny@bulldozerfaith.com, and we look forward to what YHVH has in store for 2021.



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