Transcript – Why Is It Impossible To Please Yahweh Without Faith

Shabbat shalom and the message I am giving today is called, *Why it is impossible to Please Yahweh Without Faith.* So I am going to start in Hebrews 11 which is the scripture that says this. Hebrews 11 in verse 6:

Hebrews 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please YAHWEH. For it is right that the one drawing near to YAHWEH should believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him.*

I have given many messages on faith and I have said this before that how on earth can we please YAHWEH if we don't even believe He exists? And yet, a lot of times in the decisions we make, we are making decisions … we are saying we believe in Him, but we are making the decision that we don't. So, faith is belief. Faith is conviction. Faith is action. If you only say you believe with no action then it is not really belief or faith. You are literally denying the existence of YAHWEH.

Verse 1 of Hebrews 11, says:

Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is the **substance** …* the substance, the assurance, the foundation … *of things being hoped, and **it was** the substance of things that have come to pass, and the **evidence of things not having been seen**.*

Right? We don't need to physically see it to know it is there. We don't need to physically see YAHWEH to know He is there. The things He created, we don't need to physically see to know they're there. It is the same way now, if you have relatives that are back home that aren't here with us, you're not seeing them, but I don't think any of us have any doubt that they are existing just because we can't see them.

So faith is evidence, conviction because 100% of belief and knowing it is the truth. But that is not really the message today. That's only the intro. The message today is somewhat different because I was studying this and I came up with something that was a little bit interesting because there is more about faith in the New Testament, **a lot** about faith than anything. But in the Old Testament, in the Tanach it is a little bit different.

So I want to go to a scripture in Exodus because I have a feeling after this message is over, you are going to have a whole different outlook on faith. Exodus 17 in verse 8, and this is when the children of Israel are in the wilderness. They are in the Wilderness of Sin and they are camped in Rephidim. Everybody knows where that is, especially the ones that have been to Mount Sinai. And actually the story of when they are fighting the Amalekites, recently we found that place and actually the stone where Moses sat one where I am going to read here. The last time that I was there by myself I was in there at the exact spot where this happened. So it is kind of neat. I am going to start here in verse 8 and it says:

Exodus 17:8-10 *And Amalek came and fought against Israel in Rephidim. And Moses said to Yehoshua, Choose men for us, and go fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill, with the staff of Elohim in my hand. And Yehoshua did as Moses had said to him, to fight against Amalek. And Moses, Aaron and Hur …* it is kind of interesting. Did you ever see the movie 'Ben Hur?' There really is a Ben Hur but not from the movie … *Hur went up to the top of the hill.*

Exodus 17:11 *And so it was that when Moses lifted his hand, Israel prevailed. And when he rested his hand, Amalek prevailed.*

You could also on a different subject think about it when you are talking about praying. When we pray, we lift our hands to YAHWEH. So when our hands are lifted and we are praying, we are prevailing. When we are not praying, we are not prevailing … a whole different subject. *When Moses lifted his hand, Israel prevailed. And when he rested his hand, Amalek prevailed.*

Exodus 17:12 *And the hands of Moses became heavy. And they took a stone and put it under him. And he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one from this and one from that side. And his hands were steady until the going of the sun.*

Very, very interesting that Moses' hands were **steady** – '*AMANU*', that is the word that is used there. And in the Tanach, that is the word for faith. And it is *faithful, trustworthy, **stability, never wavering***. So it adds really to the meaning in the New Testament because if you talk to many Christians … and I have had this happen over and over and over … particularly with something like the trinity, say; which makes no sense. Because in one sentence they are saying there is three and one sentence they are saying there is one.

And I say it is like the shell game … where is it? Three? One? And they don't know. And at the end of it when you are really pressing them and they have no answer, what do they say? "Well, I believe it in faith!" And to the Christians, they think faith is just a belief that you can't explain. And we see it is not that easy. It is actually the opposite. It is evidence like we saw in Hebrews. But over here now we are going to find out, it is not only evidence. It is stability … it is stability.

So, Moses' hands were **steady** until the going of the sun. They were faithful showing it is more than a belief, but the action that comes because of **stability and steadiness in one's life**. As we are going to see because in our mind sometimes I think we think like, "Boy, I hope I have the faith when this happens." And we are going to see that has nothing to do with faith.

Thinking something that you are going have the strength to do something when it happens is the absolute opposite of faith. **Faith is stability in life.** And where it comes from is having that stability. That is where you will have the faith because … do you want to know something? It is nothing different than you do every day. It is that you are living it. And that is why like I said, the word AMANU is steady.

And actually, I don't know if you ever heard people say, "Don't say Amen at the end of a prayer." Take the U off and what does that say? *Aman*, amen is also the word for faith. So, amen at the end of a prayer that is where it comes from. It does not come from some pagan deity or something else. It comes from the word for faith - *so be it,* that in faith we are believing when you say it. So we could say HalleluYah. There is nothing wrong with that. I say HalleluYah but we could also say amen at the end of a prayer. In the Bible, it is over and over at the end of Psalms; the word amen is there.

Listen to this very carefully because this is where the whole message is going to go from. Moses' hand were 'amanu', faithful, trustworthy, stability, never wavering. It adds to the meaning of the New Testament showing it is more than a belief. The action comes from the **stability and steadiness in one's life.** Because of conviction there is a stability to one's actions.

I am going to give you some examples to show you this. But first I want to go to Habakkuk 2:4. We were just going over this in our Bible study recently. And what is Habakkuk 2:4 say?

Habakkuk 2:4 *Behold, the soul of him is puffed up and is not upright; but **the just shall <u>live</u> by his faith.***

The *just shall LIVE BY*, make decisions by. It is not just a thought pattern. It is not, "Well, I believe it in faith!" That is not faith. That is pride when somebody wants to believe something that has no evidence or nothing because they say it. That is pride. But the *just will LIVE BY*, live by, make decisions by and do it every day. There is a stability to real faith that you can count on it.

So if it is not something that you can count on, if it's not something you are doing every day, it is not faith. It is not something that is just going to appear somewhere when somebody is threatening to shoot you in the head or deny Yahshua. It is something the just will live by. They will make decisions by.

So let's go to an example here I want to show you. I don't know if you ever thought to yourself why YAHWEH picked Father Abraham. Was it just like He closed His eyes and have to pick somebody? Or was it like, "Well, Abraham seems like a pretty good guy. I'm going to pick him." Not at all! YAHWEH had absolutely zero doubt in picking Abraham and I am going to show you why in this story.

Genesis 15 … Genesis chapter 15. And I am going to read the first five verses. It says:

Genesis 15:1 *After these things the Word of YAHWEH came to Abram in a vision, saying, Do not fear, Abram; I am a shield to you, your reward will increase greatly.*

Comment: So now YAHWEH is going to bless him for what he is doing all the time in his faith in YAHWEH.

Genesis 15:2 *And Abram said, Adonai YAHWEH, what will You give to me? I am going childless and the son of the inheritance of my house is Eleazar of Damascus?*

Comment: It is kind of interesting in the New Testament we have that story – Eleazar and the Rich Man. It's not Lazarus. That is a corrupted Greek word. It is Eleazar and the Rich Man because it comes from this. Because even though Eleazar isn't the promised son, YAHWEH is saying to Eleazar, "Don't worry. You were faithful. You can come too." And it is actually showing that Gentile people being drafted in. And that is why He uses Abraham's slave who was faithful Eleazar.

Genesis 15:3-4 *And Abram said, Behold! You have given no seed to me; and lo, the son of my house is inheriting of me! And behold! The Word of YAHWEH came to him saying, This one shall not be your heir. But he that shall come forth out of your own bowels shall be your heir.*

Comment: So here it is and it is really amazing because Abraham believes YAHWEH. He knows it but he is saying, "I have no heir. What is going to happen?" And I can see like YAHWEH and Yahshua up there, "Should we tell him? Yeah, yeah let's tell him." And now one of the most amazing scriptures in your Bible that most people misunderstand, I am going to read to you in verse 5. So now what happens? He is going to tell him about his prodigy, his seed, his child that is going to be born. And he is saying, "You don't have a seed? Let Me show you something that is going to blow your mind, Abraham."

Genesis 15:5a *And He brought him outside …* so he is looking up into the heavens … *and said, Look now at the heavens …*

Comment: And the word should be 'recount', not count the stars. He is not asking him to count the stars but He is asking him to **recount** the stars, the constellations *if you are able to*. And He said to him:

Genesis 15:5b *So shall your seed be.*

Comments: And when you look at this in the Hebrew, what YAHWEH was doing is, YAHWEH was showing Abraham the mazzaroth and explaining it to him constellation by constellation. And He said, "You see that one with the lion and the Man in the middle, the One who is going to come. That is going to be your seed!" And Abraham probably had his mouth dropped. Wow! So it is way more than Isaac, although Isaac was the beginning of it. Isaac had to have Jacob. Jacob had to have Judah. Judah had to have children to come to Yahshua who was born from there.

But this is not about Isaac, although he is a beginning. This is about Him showing him recounting the constellations. And that is the word – the mazzaroth. He is showing him there and telling him, "That is going to be your son. Your son is going to be that person." And what does Abraham do? Verse 6:

Genesis 15:6 *And he believed in YAHWEH. And He counted it to him for righteousness.*

He was flawed. He was in awe! Was there any reason to doubt? Absolutely not! Wow, what a great story that YAHWEH had showing him this. Abraham believed, the word is "AMANU". Abraham believed. It is actually the word 'aman or amen' that's there. It is a form of that, the same word. Showing that he had confidence and surety of what YAHWEH said.

Let's go to Genesis 18. And why did YAHWEH do this? Why did He pick him? Was it by random? Did He have any doubt in His mind that Abraham would continue? Genesis 18 verse 17.

Genesis 18:17-19 *And YAHWEH said, Shall I hide from Abraham what I am going to do? And Abraham shall surely become a great and powerful nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? …* now why? Look at verse 19 … *For I have known him, so that whatever he may command his sons and his house after him, even they may keep the way of YAHWEH, to do righteousness and justice; to the intent …* his very intent … *that YAHWEH may bring on Abraham that which He has spoken of him.*

So wow, in a time when you look in the Bible, like I said, you have a lot of bad child rearing in the Bible from King David all the way down, but not with Abraham. Abraham was one of the greatest examples of child rearing here from YAHWEH's own mouth because YAHWEH **knew** not only Abraham would be faithful, but his son and his son would be faithful. That is AMANU. That is faith. That is showing it is in his stability in life. It is in his steadiness. It is in what he is doing **every day.** He is not saying and then going out and doing something else. It is in his steadiness. YAHWEH was sure of what Abraham's actions would be due to his AMANU; due to his steadiness, due to his actions, due to his faith.

How many times do we say we will do something and then we change and we don't do it? And that is the opposite of faith. That is the opposite of AMANU, when we are **saying** something, "We are going to do this." And there are times I will see people say one thing and ten minutes later, they are doing something else. I'm like, "I thought you just said you're going to do this?" Oh, your head is spinning! And that is where YAHWEH can't put any confidence in us because it is the 100% opposite. And at the end I will show you some of the words YAHWEH uses for people that do that.

But faith is not just a strong belief in your heart. It is the **steadiness and stability** that you are doing it in your life every single day. So YAHWEH doesn't have to guess. He doesn't have to question. We are showing it to Him. We're showing it to Him in every single thing we do every day.

Genesis 22 … let's continue with Abraham here … verse 1 and 2:

Genesis 22:1a *And it happened after these things, The Elohim, **testing** Abraham …*

Comment: And that word in Hebrew for testing is not really testing Abraham, but it is a test from him for other people in the future. So it is not that He is questioning Abraham. Abraham is going to do this as a test for the future. It is to *lift up* that literally is what that word means. It is to *lift up use for others as an example* because YAHWEH was sure Abraham would do the right thing; which he did.

Genesis 22:1b-2 *And he said, Behold I am here …* Behold, Hinei … *And He said, Now take your son, Isaac, your only one whom you love, and go into the land of Moriyah. And there offer him for a burnt offering on one of the mountains which I will say to you.*

So does Abraham question? Is he like, "Are you sure? Is there another Isaac? Is that the name of the goat?" No, it's just like YAHWEH said it, he believes it because he has no doubt in YAHWEH. So he doesn't understand why but he was ready to do it. He was ready to kill his son because YAHWEH said it. After seeing that, after YAHWEH showing him up in the heavens like, "Look at this, you see that star? Doesn't that look like a lion? Doesn't that look like a virgin?" And YAHWEH showed him all this stuff and then he is like, "That's yours. You asked who your prodigy is going to be? There it is!" And Abraham believed. He believed.

So now, when He says, "Kill him." He didn't question, "Well, if I kill him, how is this going to happen?" That is not faith. YAHWEH has the answers. YAHWEH has all the answers. What he did was, it was like "YAHWEH must have some kind of plan." And what is the answer? Let's go to Hebrews 11 … Hebrews 11:17-19 because in the story here in Genesis 22, we see it, it's beautiful but we don't really get what we see in Hebrews. Hebrews 11:17:

Hebrews 11:17 *By faith Abraham, in his trial, offered up Isaac; and he laid on the altar his only son, whom he had received by promise.*

Comments: And what a beautiful story to tell Jews as Isaac is carrying that wood on his back because I have heard Jews say it, "YAHWEH hates human sacrifice! Show me once in the Tanach where there is ever human sacrifice." Okay, Genesis 22, right there. **YAHWEH commanded** … commanded him for human sacrifice. And not that YAHWEH likes human sacrifice. Of course, He hates human sacrifice, but there had to be one sacrifice – Yahshua!

So YAHWEH had to set out the pattern there so that people would understand it. And wow, what a beautiful story … what a beautiful story. Like I said, if Isaac **willingly** … because if you look at Isaac's age there, he is probably about 17 and Abraham is an old man. He could have easily overpowered Abraham and got away and he didn't. It was like, "Father Abraham, Dad, if you want me to do this, I am willing even to the point of being killed." He didn't fight against it. So, what a beautiful story and Hebrews explains it more and it says …

Hebrews 11:17b-19 *he laid on the altar his only son, whom he had received by promise. As to whom it was said, "In Isaac your Seed will be called;" and he reasoned within himself that Elohim was able to* ***raise*** *him, even from the dead; and because of this Isaac was given to him as a parable.*

Wow, he's reasoning in his head, "Well okay, YAHWEH said, *kill him*. He is going to have to raise him up." Perfect example. Did YAHWEH ever doubt that he would have the perfect … no, he didn't doubt it, why? Because Abraham **exhibited this** – *the just shall live by faith*, **every day of his life** he was living that way. Every day of his life he was living that way.

And that's why I say the worst insult anyone could ever give you is, "I didn't know you were a Christian!" Forget the word, whether you like it or don't like it. They were called Christian in the first century. But what somebody is saying, "I didn't know you read the Bible. I didn't know you believe this way."

Because with Abraham it wasn't like that, everybody knew it. As soon as he came, no matter whether he went to Egypt, went to somewhere else, they all knew. They all knew that this man was a prophet of Elohim by the way he lived; the way he lived every single day of his life.

So Abraham had the same AMANU in YAHWEH because YAHWEH is steady, reliable and never wavers. That is the way YAHWEH is. That is what He says and that is what we need to be. Abraham knew the promise from the mazzaroth that YAHWEH showed him and his Seed would be the One to save the world. He never doubted but only followed YAHWEH's instructions **knowing** that if he did kill Isaac, YAHWEH would have to raise him up. Abraham showed his faith, his steadiness and his trust worthy actions in his deeds.

Jacob 2, book of Jacob chapter 2. Most of the Christians want to get this chapter out of your Bible. Matter of fact, there was a big controversy when the Bible was being put together that certain churches and denominations did not want the book of Jacob in there because it so clearly shows about faith and actions and deeds and contradicts the false grace very, very easily. But, Jacob 2 in verse 14:

Jacob 2:14-16 *My brothers, what is the gain if anyone says he has faith, but he does not have deeds? …* does not have actions *… Is the faith able to restore life to him? But if a brother or a sister is naked and may be lacking in daily food, and any one of you say to them, Go in peace, be warmed and filled, but does not give them the things the body needs, what gain is it?*

Jacob 2:17-19 *So also faith, if it does not have deeds, is dead being by itself. But someone will say, You have faith, and I have deeds. Show me your faith apart from your deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that Elohim is One (united). You do well; even the demons believe and shudder.*

Jacob 2:20-23 *But are you willing to know, O vain man, that faith apart from deeds is dead? Was not our father Abraham justified …* we just read it *… by his deeds, offering up his son Isaac on the altar? You see how faith helped with his deeds; and how by his deeds the faith was made perfect. And the Scripture was fulfilled, saying, "And Abraham believed YAHWEH, and it was counted for righteousness to him;" and he was called, Friend of Elohim.*

Jacob 2:24-26 *You see then, how a man by his deeds becomes righteous, and not by faith only. But in the same way Rahab the Innkeeper was also justified by her deeds, having received the messengers, and sending them out by another way …* and if she was caught they would have killed her *… For as the body is dead apart from the spirit, so also faith without deeds is dead.*

So it is very simple. It is not just a warm, fuzzy feeling in your heart but Abraham had deeds. He had steadiness in his action because his character and his core beliefs. And that is why we always go over it. It is important, your core beliefs because your core beliefs will base what your action is going to be. And your action is based whether you have faith or not.

Let's go to another story here that didn't turn out the same way, in Exodus 4 with the Israelites. I am going to read verse 27 of Exodus 4 to 31:

Exodus 4:27-28 *And YAHWEH said to Aaron, Go to the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went and met him in the mountain of The Elohim; and he kissed him. And Moses told Aaron all the words of YAHWEH with which He had sent him, and all the signs which He had commanded him.*

Comment: So this is in the very beginning. Moses is coming from YAHWEH. He is getting the commission. He's going out what to do. Aaron is sent to come and meet him and now they are going to go to the Israelites and they're going to let them know they're going to be freed.

Exodus 4:29-31 *And Moses and Aaron went on and gathered all the elders of the sons of Israel. And Aaron spoke all the words which YAHWEH had spoken to Moses. And he did the signs before the people …* making the staff, turning it, the

miracles. And what happens? What do the people say? … *And **the people believed** …* the people AMANU. They believed. The people believed … *And they heard that YAHWEH had visited the sons of Israel, and that He had seen their affliction. And they bowed and worshiped.*

So they said it. They said, "We believe. No doubt. We're ready. Let's go!" Let's go one chapter now. We're not going to have to go ten chapters. We're not going to have to go forty years down the line. Let's just go one chapter. Did they really believe? Were they really showing AMANU? I don't think so.

Exodus 5 starting in verse 5. So now, the action has to back up the words. So yeah, they're being persecuted. They're being persecuted by Pharaoh. They're living this life and Moses comes and says, "Guess what? I just came from YAHWEH and He did these miracles. Look I'm going to throw my staff down. Look at this!" And they said, "Yeah. AMANU – we believe. Let's go!" But YAHWEH is going to test them.

Because like I said, **it is not in our words**. It is in how we live every day. And it really is not even in one action because one action will never come. You will never have the faith to do the right thing at the right time if every day of your life you are living not by faith. You are not doing those actions day in and day out. And then some how you are going to think a miracle is going to happen when they come and say you have cancer and this and that, that you are going to turn everything and do exactly the right thing that YAHWEH wants you to do. It doesn't work that way. And we will see here the perfect example. Verse 5 of chapter 5, so now Pharaoh hears this and he says:

Exodus 5:5-7 *And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land are many now, and you make them cease from their burdens. And Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people, and their overseers, that day, saying, You shall not go on giving straw to the people to make bricks, as yesterday and the third day. They shall go and pick up straw for themselves.*

Exodus 5:8-10 *And the fixed number of bricks which they were making yesterday and the third day you shall put on them. You shall not diminish from it. For they are idle; so they are crying, saying, Let us go, let us sacrifice to our Elohim. Let the bondage be heavy on the men, that they may work in it, and may not trust in the lying words. And the taskmasters of the people, and their overseers went out and spoke to the people, saying, Pharaoh has said this, I will not give you straw.*

Exodus 5:11-13 *You go take straw for yourselves from wherever you may find it. For not a thing will be reduced from your work. And the people scattered in all the land of Egypt to pick up stubble for straw. And the taskmasters were demanding, saying, Finish your work, the matter of a day in its day, as when there was straw.*

Exodus 5:14-16 *And the overseers of the sons of Israel were beaten, those whom the taskmasters of Pharaoh had put over them, saying, Why have you not finished your appointed task, to make bricks as a day ago and the day before, both yesterday and today? And the overseers of the sons of Israel came in and cried to Pharaoh, saying, Why do you do this way to your slaves? No straw is given to your slaves, and they are saying to us, Make bricks. And, behold, your slaves are beaten, but your people are at fault.*

Exodus 5:17-19 *And he said, You are lazy and idle. So you are saying, Let us go, let us sacrifice to YAHWEH. Therefore, go now and work. And straw will not be given to you; and a certain number of bricks you shall deliver. And the overseers of the sons of Israel saw themselves in affliction, saying, You shall not diminish from your bricks, the matter of a day in its day. And they met Moses and Aaron standing to meet them when they came from Pharaoh.*

Comment: So now what? Are they going to be like Abraham? "Abraham come kill your son that I just said was the promised Son." What did Abraham say, "Okay, I will go kill him." So were they going to be the same way? Were they

going to come to Aaron and Moses and say, “Okay, we are being persecuted but we believe you – AMANU.” Let’s take a look. And the children of Israel, what did they say to Moses and Aaron?

Exodus 5:20 *May YAHWEH look on you and judge, you who have made our odor to stink in Pharaoh's eyes and in the eyes of his servants, to give a sword in their hands to kill us.*

Wow! So they **said** AMANU, they didn’t live AMANU. It wasn’t in their character. Like I said, and if you are not living it, if it is not stability and steadiness in your life, you are never, never going to have it. You are kidding yourself to think that when that day comes that you need faith that you are going to make the right decision.

That is why I say now we haven’t even started to hit the hard times. And if you can’t make these tiny, little decisions in your life now, these tiny, little decisions like getting rid of the stupid mark of the beast phone, you are never, never going to do it and that is 100% because there is no AMANU. And without AMANU it is impossible to please YAHWEH. You can’t please Him without faith.

You are joking and kidding yourself if you think these tiny little things in your life that you can’t do, and that somehow when the big things come and your life is on the line, or you are going to starve to death that you are just automatically get this feeling. **AMANU is something you are living by**. It is something you are doing day in and day out. The just **will live**. They will do daily by their faith.

So they didn’t have the character or steadiness in their lives to really believe it. Faith, conviction, steadiness, reliability it is all part of the same AMANU. It does not happen in a vacuum. You are either building it every day of your life, or you will not have it when you need it. It comes from the **small decisions** of stability every single day, those small decisions. Like I said, some days I wake up and I’m tired and somedays I’m not feeling good, but my wife can tell you, I’m in my Bible every single day, no matter what.

Those small decisions; reading your Bible every single day, praying every single day, not doing any work on the Sabbath. Maybe you work late on a Friday or you were out or something and you come in and you didn’t have time to prepare. And it’s like, “Oh, I know the sun set but let me just wash the dishes.” It is character. Faith is the character you build. That is really what your faith is.

So it comes in the small decisions of stability every day in your life. Faithfully tithing every week; believe it or not there are many brethren. And the ones who don’t tithe are the ones in the poorest areas that need tithing more than ever because it is much easier to tithe 10 cents on a dollar, than to tithe $100,000 on a million dollars. And they don’t do it. There are brethren that say they can’t afford to tithe and that is why they are poor and they never succeed and they don’t understand it. But there is no stability.

The littlest thing, if you are faithful in little you will be faithful in much. And that is what AMANU is. So it comes from the right decisions; tithing every week, having stability and steadfastness to make the right decision when something is big. So what is faith? **Faith is a habit.** It is not just an action. Faith is a habit of always trusting YAHWEH in everything. Malachi 3:6 what does it say?

Malachi 3:6 *I am YAHWEH, I do not change. Because of this, the sons of Jacob are not destroyed.*

Why does it say it is impossible to please YAHWEH without faith? Because those who come to Him you must believe He is and a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. If YAHWEH was not like that, if He wasn’t steady, how would we know He’s really going to do it? And that is what satan tries to get you to believe, “How do you know YAHWEH is?” That’s what he said to Adam and Eve. “How do you know YAHWEH is going to keep His word?” He said, “Don’t even go

near it. Don't even touch it." "No, he's not telling you real truth because once you eat that, you are going to be like Him."

So what we are doing is, when we don't have that steadiness in our life, we're thinking YAHWEH is just like us. We're thinking He's double-minded. We doubt that He can do what He said He can do. And that's why, it's like I said, faith is a habit. It is something you have to do every single day of your life, like YAHWEH does not change.

Deuteronomy 9, let's take another look here at the Israelites who didn't make it because they did not have faith. Deuteronomy 9 verse 7, he said:

Deuteronomy 9:7-8 *Remember; do not forget how you made YAHWEH your Elohim angry in the wilderness; …* and we are going to see now, how did they make YAHWEH angry *… even from the day that you came out of the land of Egypt until you came into this place you have been rebellious against YAHWEH. Even in Horeb you made YAHWEH angry; and YAHWEH breathed angrily against you, to destroy you.*

Deuteronomy 9:9-10 *When I went up into the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, tablets of the covenant which YAHWEH cut with you, and I remained in the mountain forty days and forty nights I did not eat bread nor did I drink water, and YAHWEH gave to me the two tablets of stone written with the finger of Elohim, and on them was written according to all the Words which YAHWEH spoke with you in the mountain, out of the midst of the fire, in the day of the assembly;*

Deuteronomy 9:11-12 *then it happened, at the end of forty days and forty nights YAHWEH gave the two tablets of stone to me, tablets of the covenant, and YAHWEH said to me, Rise up, go down quickly from here; for your people whom you have brought out of Egypt have acted corruptly; they have quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; …* they didn't have the habit. They didn't have the steadiness … *they have made themselves a cast image.*

Deuteronomy 9:13-14 *And YAHWEH spoke to me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiff-necked people. Let Me alone that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under the heavens; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.*

Deuteronomy 9:15-16 *And I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain was burning with fire, and the two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands; and I looked; and, behold! You had sinned against YAHWEH your Elohim; you had made a casted calf for yourselves; you had quickly turned out of the way which YAHWEH had commanded you.*

Deuteronomy 9:17-19 *And I took hold of the two tablets and threw them out of my two hands, and broke them before your eyes. And I fell down before YAHWEH, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I ate no bread and drank no water; because of all your sins which you had sinned, in doing that which was evil in the eyes of YAHWEH, to make Him angry. For I was afraid because of the anger and the fury with which YAHWEH had been angry against you, to destroy you. And YAHWEH listened to me at this time also …* Why did He listen to Moses? Because Moses had the AMANU.

Deuteronomy 9:21-24 *And I took your sin, the calf which you made, and I burned it with fire, and beat it, grinding it very small until it was as fine as dust; and I threw its dust into the torrent that came down out of the mountain. And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at The Graves of Lust you provoked YAHWEH to anger. And when YAHWEH sent you from Kadesh-Barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given to you, then you rebelled against the mouth of YAHWEH your Elohim, and did not believe Him, nor listen to His voice. You have been rebellious against YAHWEH from the day that I knew you.*

Wow, that was their pattern. The same way faith is a pattern. Faith is a habit. Their habit was not faith. Their habit was doubt. Their habit was pride. Their habit was having an unappreciative spirit. So whatever your habit is, is what you are wind up doing in the long run. Like I said, faith if it is not a habit in your life, it is not just going to come out of nowhere … it is not going to come out of nowhere.

Disbelief was their character and they showed it daily in their actions who they were. Do you think YAHWEH was surprised in what they did over there? No, He knew exactly what was going to happen; of course, because He knew it by their pattern. He knew it that they were going to react that way.

Let's go to Hebrews 3 and we will see the Apostle Paul talking about these stories we're talking about what he said. And why, why did they act in such a way? Hebrews 3:7-19. Hebrews 3 starting in verse 7, he says:

Hebrews 3:7-9 *Because of this, even as the Holy Spirit (the Ruach H'Chodesh) says, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts to provoke Him, as the murmurers …* the rebellious ones in Aramaic, the rebels … *did in the day of temptation in the wilderness, there where your fathers tempted Me, even though they saw My works for forty years.*

Hebrews 3:10-12 *Because of this, I was angry with that generation and said, They **always** …* that was their pattern. That was their habit … *they always go astray in their heart; and they did not know My ways; so I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter into My rest." Beware, therefore, my brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart which **does not believe**, …* **Hebrews 11:6** *… and you will be cut off from the living Elohim.*

Hebrews 3:13-16 *But search your hearts each day, …* it is something we should be asking YAHWEH every day as we are praying … *search your hearts each day, until the day which is called **"the day"**, …* the day that YAHWEH is coming and Yahshua is returning … *that not anyone of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.*

Hebrews 3:14-16 *For we have become partakers of Messiah, if truly from the beginning to the very end we hold steadfast to this true covenant; as in the saying, "Today, if you hear even the echoes of His voice, do not harden your hearts to anger Him." Who were those who heard and provoked Him? Was it not those who came out of Egypt through Moses; although not all of them?*

Hebrews 3:17 -19 *But with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with the ones sinning, whose bones lay in the wilderness? …* Like I said, some of you here in this room have seen where they are buried … *And to whom did "He swear, they would not enter into His rest," except to those not obeying? …* So we see that they were not able to enter in because of unbelief.

Hebrews 4:1 *Therefore, Let us fear, lest while the promise of entering into his rest remains, lest some among you find that they are falling short.*

Comment: And the reason you are falling short is because it is not a habit in your life. You have too much commercial Babylon in there. And that is why in the end YAHWEH says come out of it … come out of it so we can do it over and over and over in communities and faith. And not be convicted every day by commercial Babylon and have your mind going both ways.

Hebrews 4:2 *For, indeed, we have had the good news preached to us, even as they also; …* wow, the Israelites literally they had Yahshua with them. They had the good news preached … *but the Word did not profit those hearing it, not having been mixed with faith in the ones who heard.*

Meaning they didn't practice it … they didn't practice it. They were not doing it. They always go astray. It was a lifestyle pattern how they lived daily. Not faith, but the opposite.

How about us? What is your life? Are you 100% relying on commercial Babylon or are you trusting in YAHWEH? Because we have nothing to compare it to, all we have in the world is commercial Babylon, it's really hard to know because people think it is normal. And it is normal. It is normal to work. It is normal to care for your family but what satan has made in the time we're living in now is more than that.

It's not about working or caring for your family. He has made it that every aspect of the human being's life is dependent on that system, whether it is your health care, whether it is your food, whether it is the resources you need to live. Now the doors are only closing in because as it keeps getting closer and closer, like I said, pretty soon you won't even be able to get on the internet without your thumbprint, without your digital ID and all that stuff.

So we already saw it. We already saw it in COVID. So we don't have to imagine SCI-FI type thing. We lived it. We already lived it. Like I said, I literally had to call on my phone, and I had a flip phone I didn't have an iPhone, but I literally had to call on my flip phone and ask for permission to go in my back yard. I used to sarcastically like I would say to Petra, "The phone it said yes! We can go in the yard. It said yes!" That's the way people's minds work. "I can shop! I can get food! The system said I can get food!"

And if you went there to the system and you didn't have that ID, those people days before, were saying hello to you, they were saying, "You should die! Don't let them go in a hospital! Kill them!" Wow, human nature turns really, really fast. And I saw it with my eyes. I heard it. I heard the words. It wasn't just things of how bad it could get. I saw it because either you are living by AMANU and it's the decisions you make every day in your life; or you are in commercial Babylon and you are so deceived and you don't even know it.

Do you 99% of those people know they are being deceived? Babylon has made slaves of the souls of men. They are slaves to that system and they can't come out. Many people want to come out of that system. They can't because now the cost of living has made it and the way the system works. Unless you work in that system, how do you do it? How on earth do you do it? How are you going to survive? But that is exactly what the Israelites said. Who is going to take care of our kids? How are we going to eat?

And YAHWEH said, "Okay, you know what? The kids you are worried about, I'm taking them into the Kingdom and you are not going in." Either we show AMANU every day of our life, or we don't. It's one or the other. So what are we trusting in? Are we trusting in the doctors in the system that are injecting people with every kind of thing that is killing them? Or are we having faith in YAHWEH?

2nd Corinthians 5:7 *For we **walk** by faith, not by sight.*

We walk, **our action is faith**. Not by sight, our words. *We walk by faith, not by sight.* Faith is a lifestyle. It's a habit we do every day. That is what faith is. It is a lifestyle to you with decisions you make every day of your life; or is it just a belief on paper that you don't follow?

I have seen through the years. I have seen people that will sit there and argue and fight with people over the tiniest little thing and then they go out and they don't follow what they are doing. I've seen the rabbi's in Israel. I have seen one Passover I was there and it looked like it was going to rain and I'm sitting there eating a matzah by the Western Wall and a rabbi came running up, "No, no, no don't!" I said, "What? It's matzah." "No, look it might rain. If three drops of water get on that matzah, it will be leavened." This is the way their mind is.

Are they living by faith? Not at all … not at all. They are taking money from all the people. They're living high off the hog, they're not doing it. And I have said this before, the word 'hypocrite' it is a Latin word meaning 'actor'. An actor, someone who is playing the part, someone who is saying they believe a certain way and living another way. It's an actor.

Are you living by AMANU or are you a hypocrite like the Israelites? Like I said, I showed it. Yeah, they believed as long as they were getting something out of it. And the minute something became hard, not only did they not follow, they were blaming somebody else also. Or are you believing steadfast like Moses, never wavering – steady. That's where the word comes from, being steady like Abraham.

And for our students, and most people that are here today, even if you are not coming to this school, you have been to a school before, and I say, look at your daily planner. Look in your daily planner and what you do every single day of your life and I think you are going to have the answer. You will have the answer, are you showing AMANU in YAHWEH or are you living for satan's commercial Babylon?

Are your habits Bible reading, prayer, meditation, followed by ministry work? Or they only internet, social media, chat rooms, movies, entertainment and every other thing commercial Babylon has. What is it? Because those are the only two choices. There is no other choice that is there. It is either AMANU in YAHWEH or amanu in satan's commercial Babylon. Those are the two choices because we are not Elohim. We don't have inherent breath in ourselves so YAHWEH gives us freewill to **choose** which Elohim we are going to serve. And those are your two choices.

And if you are living in commercial Babylon and thinking like the world is, they don't have to listen to anybody and "I'll never follow a man!" No, they are not following a man. They are following a demon. They are following satan, the devil. That is who they are following. And he will give you **every single pleasure in life you want.** All he wants you to do is one sin because that is all it takes to keep you out of the Kingdom. So he will make your life as easy as it can but it is a one-way ticket. Then your pattern becomes what? Only serving yourself. To have a mindset of always serving YAHWEH and serving each other, that is something you have to keep on 24/7 and it is very hard, if not impossible to do in commercial Babylon.

Hebrews 11. Let's go back to Hebrews 11 now and let's look at the people of faith whose life you can believe on. And if you just think about it for a second, if you think in your mind of somebody … we all have people in our life that we know where, "Oh boy, he was full of faith." Even maybe someone that died now. And think in their life, a person that you can think of that is full of faith. Didn't he have steadiness? Wasn't it somebody when he said something, you can believe in what they are saying? That they were convicted, that they believed in their word?

So this is what we are going to read here now in Hebrews 11. These were real people of AMANU. Hebrews 11:32-40, he says:

Hebrews 11:32 *And what more shall say? For the time will fail me telling about Gideon, Barak, and also Samson and Jephthah, and also David and Samuel, and the rest of the prophets, …*

Comment: And I know Jephthah gets a bad rap and YAHWEH never told him to kill his daughter. But wow, he is here in the chapter of the faithful. So it wasn't a good thing. And what we learned from Jephthah is don't make a rash vows. But on the other end, he kept his vow. He kept his vow to YAHWEH. He was not double-minded. So, although it was a bad vow to make, he is here in the chapter of the faithful because he kept his word.

Hebrews 11:32b-35 *… and also David and Samuel, and the rest of the prophets, who through faith overcame kingdoms, worked out righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the mouths of the sword, acquired power from weakness, became strong in war; made armies of foreigners to yield.*

Restored to women their sons, raised people from the dead; but others were beaten to death, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

Hebrews 11:36-37 *And others received trial of mockings and of scourgings; yea, more, of bonds and of prison: they were stoned; they were tried; they were sawn in two; they died by murder of sword; they went about in sheepskins and in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, and ill-treated;*

Comment: They weren't living the life high off the hog. Do you want to have a life now that is a little bit better in commercial Babylon or do you want to live forever? And again, it takes belief in YAHWEH and His promises to do that.

Hebrews 11:38-40 *of whom the world was not worthy, wandering in deserts, and mountains, and caves, and the holes of the earth. And having obtained witness **through the faith**, these all did not obtain the promise, YAHWEH having foreseen something better concerning us, that they should not be perfected without us.*

And I know as like believers we have somebody in our mind and when we read the Bible we can't wait … some of your ladies are so excited to meet Queen Esther in the Kingdom, or Ruth, Mariam, the mother of Yahshua. The men I talk to everybody wants to meet King David or maybe the Apostle Paul, which is great. It's great!

But I say we are living in the time that 90% of prophecy talks about. And when you go up there and you start saying, "Hey Paul, I need to talk to you!" And he's going to say, "Who are you?" "Oh, I'm Elder Don. I lived in …" "You lived in the last generation? What did you sacrifice for the Kingdom?" And what is going to be my answer? What is going to be my answer? Do I have a legacy? Do I have anything I can say, or am I going to walk away in shame?

So, I say when you look at these people in the Bible as great as they are to YAHWEH, wow, can you imagine if He says if Daniel, Job and Noah where before Me. Can you imagine being honored to be one of those three men that YAHWEH actually uses as an example in righteousness? And yet, Noah, Job and Daniel are all dead. Whatever they did - good, bad or indifferent, there is nothing more they can do.

Each of us are alive. We have another day of life. We can worship YAHWEH. We can serve YAHWEH. We can be an example. And who knows? Maybe somebody in this room will be the 4th one – Noah, Job, Daniel and your name on there. So that is the exciting part. Our time isn't over yet. Our book is not closed. What are you going to do with it? Are you just going to come and go with nothing; or are you going to really live that AMANU? Are you going to live it, be an example; do something to change somebody else's life? Or are we just going to let the time come and go?

So they walked the walk. They didn't just talk the talk. Is your faith stability that YAHWEH can rely on? Or is it barely there? It's something that recently … I pray to YAHWEH all the time and most of it I am just praying to Him and thanking Him for everything He has done in my life and thanking Him for how merciful He is.

But over the last year, I really am also every day I pray to Him and thank Him; I thank Him that He allowed me to be here. Why am I here sitting in this chair? I don't deserve it. I am not better than anybody else. I don't have gifts of anybody else. All I know is I am. I am here. And I said one time when I asked YAHWEH why He picked me for the job in Israel because like I said, I've met people all over there - saying, he's a better guy than me at this. And I would be happy to step down if YAHWEH put somebody else in there. I don't have to be the big cheese.

But what He told me is, years ago, I wanted it more than other people. And that is true. I would fight tooth and nail because I love it. I love YAHWEH. I love His work. I love being there but I think, wow, being imperfect with all my failures, He would not just leave me here unless He had faith that I could do the job because I could affect so many thousands of people all over the world. And I'm like, "Thank you Father!" And it makes me work harder. It certainly does because that

is a big responsibility. And I don't want to let Him down. But it is through His faith anyway. Faith is a gift that He gives to you. So it's not by my faith. It is by His faith He has given me. But still, that He actually trusted me enough to allow me to do this, to allow me to represent Him at the Beast Power, at the United Nations. It's an honor and we have to take it serious because every one of us … I'm not the only one called … you have been called the same way, just a different job.

And you have to take that to heart and you have to believe it. And the only reason you are not fulfilling your calling the way you should is you don't fully believe it yet. You are not doing it every day. You are not living it. It's not the constant. That's why I said, I say this, I use an example at the Bible school, that if this guy came in here, the guy who runs this place and he said, "You know on Sunday we have a big problem. The King is coming on Monday and the place is dirty. We don't have it. If you guys can stay for one extra day, we'll give each of you a million dollars to clean the leaves and wipe the walls and all that."

Who wouldn't do it? Not that we are out for money, but boy a million dollars each, we could fill a lot of corn fields and plant and do a lot with it. Every one of us knows because in life everything that we do is a trade. When you work for somebody in Babylon you are putting so many hours in a job and they are giving you something at the end of the week. It has been like that from the beginning of time.

Life is a trade. Work is a trade. Sometimes you don't take a job because it's not worth that trade. I'm not going to trade my eternal life for any amount of money. So no, job is on Saturday, forget about it! But if he said, "Hey stay. Stay one extra day. We'll give each of you a million dollars." We know everyone including me, I'd be here. I would do it. And now YAHWEH is offering something to us that isn't a million. It isn't a billion. It isn't a trillion. It's far beyond that and it is for eternity! And why aren't we giving a 100%?

The only reason is like I said, either we are really, really stupid which I don't believe it. Or we don't believe. We don't believe because if you believe it, you are going to do it, whatever it is. Whether that is like leaving Babylon. I'll never forget that day when we were leaving on the boat from Tampa Bay, and there was nobody else with us. Everybody deserted us in our congregation in America, the people deserted us there.

And me and Petra left on that boat and I remember as it was going away, I was wondering will I ever see my family again? I don't know. All I know is YAHWEH said to leave and I am doing it. And every time you follow and you build those patterns, your faith is going to get stronger and stronger, but you have to start doing it because you know why? Because every day in commercial Babylon, you are being brain washed one way or another. Whether it's the malls that are out there, whether it's the signs, whether it's the internet, we are being brainwashed. And it's a fight for our life, our spiritual life.

But the more you live by faith that life gets easier and easier because you'll overcome it. So faith is stability. It's stability that YAHWEH can rely on us. Is it there or is it barely there? Is your daily walk habits backing up what you say and believe? Like I said, just look at your daily planner and you will get an idea.

Matthew 7 in verse 14 says:

Matthew 7:14 *Narrow is the gate, and constricted is the way that leads away into life, and few are the ones finding it.*

And I didn't have it in my notes but just putting in my mind now of John the 6th chapter where they are coming to Yahshua and He is talking to them and He is telling them He is the Bread of Life and it says, many from that day, many of His followers went back. They didn't have AMANU.

They saw Him doing miracles. They saw Him healing. They were coming, "We're in". Then all of a sudden He is saying, *unless you eat My body and drink My blood then you have no part.* And there are like, Whoa! Because cannibalism was always a no, no to YAHWEH. And it was done in those days. There were people doing human sacrifice, drinking blood.

So they didn't understand what He was talking about that it was going to be our symbols we do every year. Every year at Passover we partake with that unleavened bread for His broken body and the fruit of the vine for His shed blood. He is not asking literally to drink blood or eat flesh. But they didn't have the AMANU to understand it the way that Abraham did. "Kill your son." "Okay." He didn't question. He didn't say, "What do you mean kill my son? Cannibalism, You're against this!" He just said, "I'll do it."

They didn't have it and they walked away. And it said most of them. And He looked at the twelve and said, "Are you going to go too?" And what was their answer? "Where do you go? Where do we go from here?" They believed. They were convicted. They lived it every day.

And that's why I say, my greatest proof that the New Testament is real because there are a lot of people coming out today and scholars that are saying, "The apostles they didn't really write the New Testament. It's fake and it's all that." And it's like, c'mon just be logical.

How can twelve men that were so filled with pride that they are sitting there wondering who is greater among them, when Yahshua gets taken in the Garden of Gethsemane, they flee for their lives during a whole Passover where they are hiding in the room over there. Even on the day of the resurrection, they didn't want to come out because they were afraid that they were going to be taken.

And if Yahshua wasn't resurrected, do you really think from that point for the next 40 years they are going to live by faith and die for a lie that they knew was lie? C'mon that is the stupidest thing I ever heard of. They saw it, 500 people saw Yahshua with their eyes **after** He was resurrected. And there is no historical record that doubts that, including the Talmud. Yahshua was resurrected. He did live. He did show it and He is real.

But we have free will. It is up to us. Do we believe it, or are we still having that pull back to commercial Babylon? It is a narrow road. We have to have a consistent lifestyle with no straying away. Like I said, it's a habit. Faith is a habit. So are our hands steady like Moses? Is our lifestyle steady like Moses? Are they steady, not moving, consistent, being able to be relied on?

Let's end up here in Hebrews 11. Hebrews 11 in verse 6 where we started. YAHWEH works in the circular.

Hebrews 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please YAHWEH. For it is right that the one drawing near to YAHWEH should believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him.*

You have to *believe HE IS and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.* And like I said, if we believed in that reward, our lives would be different. Our lives would be a pattern. They would be a pattern.

So I hope by this message that you understand this verse, Hebrews 11:6, better than you did before and that you make a commitment to yourself. I'm telling all our elders, I really believe this is a turning year. I believe we are going to know in the next 6-9 months a lot of things. There are a lot of things that are going to change in these next 6-9 months. But I am telling our elders, commit this year to YAHWEH. We have a job to do. That door is still open but it is going to close very, very fast without warning. And let's go out and let's finish that job. Let's have no doubt in our minds that when that door closed that we did our part.

So I encourage you the same. Take this year … and you know what? Some of us in this room may just not be here because we may die. We may die. Who knows? But if the world is changing the way it looks like and YAHWEH is giving us all those signs, we are not going to have the time and the open door that we have now to do some of the things that you can do today.

So take advantage of it, build that faith in YAHWEH. Make it a habit and know the just shall live … live their actions … by their faith.

YAHWEH bless. Shabbat shalom.