

Transcript – The Choices We Make

Shabbat Shalom again. And wow, it's strange because although we just got here, I feel like we've been here for a few weeks. Maybe it was all the 'what took getting here' and I did get to Amman a little early myself doing some things I needed to do there.

But the first message that I want to give today is usually the message I give the last Sabbath that you're here. So we know everything works in the circular and today, I am going to give it for the first message. It's called, *The Choices We Make ...The Choices We Make*.

So we have hundreds of choices we make every single day; from the time we get up to the food we eat, to all kinds of things. And the job we do, the people we associate with, the books we read, the TV we watch, and every decision we make, I don't know if we think about it every day as we're doing it, but every decision we make is either bringing us closer toward the kingdom or away from the kingdom. So today I'm going to talk about that, and a little bit about how we make these decisions and what we can do. Psalm 119:105 ... Psalm 119.105 says:

Psalm 119:105 *Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

I don't know how anybody could ever read the **119th Psalm**, the longest Psalm in the Bible, and could ever come up with the Torah being done away with. And written not just by somebody, but written by King David that loved Yahweh's Torah. *And the Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

So we know our feet everywhere we go, our feet are the first part of our body to go there. And the Torah is lighting that lamp. It's making that path that we go and the decisions that we are making. If we go to Deuteronomy 28, Elder Bernard read the chapter that parallels this for the Torah reading in Leviticus. I'm going to read the part in Deuteronomy because we see that with our choices there's cause and effect to everything.

And a lot of people in the world today, and not just in the world today always, but more in the world today, they don't want to be under any kind of instruction or law. They want to be free to do whatever they want. And Yahweh does give us free will, but there are consequences to our decisions as we're going to see here. Deuteronomy 28, I'll read 1 through 10 and then drop down to 15. It says:

Deuteronomy 28:1-3 *And it shall be if carefully you will listen to the voice of YAHWEH your Elohim, taking heed to do all His commandments which I command you this day, YAHWEH your Elohim shall give you to be on high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come on you and overtake you if you will listen to the voice of YAHWEH your Elohim. You shall be blessed in the city, and you shall be blessed in the field.*

Deuteronomy 28:4-7 *The fruit of your body shall be blessed, and the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, the offspring of your oxen, and the young ones of your flock. Your basket and your kneading-trough shall be blessed. You will be blessed when you come in, and you will be blessed when you go out. YAHWEH will cause your enemies that rise up against you to be stricken before your face. They shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways.*

Deuteronomy 28:8-10 *YAHWEH shall command the blessing on you in your storehouses and all that you set your hand to. And He will bless you in the land which YAHWEH your Elohim is giving to you. YAHWEH will establish you a holy people (a kadosh) to Himself, as He has sworn to you, if you shall keep the commandments of YAHWEH your Elohim and walk in His ways. And all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of YAHWEH, and they will be afraid of you.*

And I've had this happen before. Many times in Israel where people said they wanted to know, "Who are you people? What are you?" And several times where Yahweh did certain acts, some could be called a miracle, and people they say, "Who are you? Who are you? Because they don't see it in the world right.

So it shows the choices we make. **The choices we make bring their results.** So in our life, and this is a lot where we're going to be going over because we all want to make choices. That's the reason we're here. And we have to think to ourselves, for the most part whatever it is in your life you want to change; it didn't just happen that way. It's not by circumstance. **With Yahweh, there are no coincidences.** There are choices you made that got you to the point you're at today. And there are choices you'll make from today on that will bring you to your next point. And that's the key. **The key here is *changing*.** What do they say somebody who is insane? It's somebody who keeps doing the same thing over and over and thinking he's going to get a different result.

So this is where we're here really to analyze. We're analyzing the results we've gotten to this point and now what can we do different? And sometimes it could be a *tiny little* change. It could be *one little thing* we weren't thinking about. And I don't know if you ever had that with a food. Maybe there was a food you had and the food looked really good. And you went to eat the food and you're like, "That's not as good as I thought it was going to be." And maybe you just put a little bit of salt on. And then you're like, "Wow that made a *big* difference!"

So when we're new, sometimes there are big changes in our life. People coming from the world ... I know when I became a believer I had to change everything. I had to start from square one but a lot of times as we're going along, it may not be such a big change. But there has to be some changes and then we see, we're either blessed for the good; or as we're going to see here, in verse 15, cursed for the bad. Verse 15 to chapter 28:

Deuteronomy 28:15-19 *And it shall be, if you will not heed the voice of your Elohim, to take heed to do all His commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today, even all these curses shall come on you and overtake you: You will be cursed in the city, and you will be cursed in the field. Your basket and your kneading-trough will be cursed. The fruit of your body shall be cursed, and the fruit of your land, the offspring of your oxen, and the young ones of your sheep. You shall be cursed when you come in, and you shall be cursed when you go out.*

And one thing I think of when I'm looking at this - is the fact of health. Because when your health ... if your health is not proper ... and I know this first hand from my life - *the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak* ... you're limited to what you can do to Yahweh. You're very limited. So making one bad choice, say ,of eating white sugar every day, that will not just limit you in how you're feeling then, that limits everything else in your life, even your mind. Your immune system cuts down four to six hours when you take white sugar and it affects

your mind. It clogs your mind and it affects your thinking. So that one little tiny decision on eating, maybe every day a jelly donut will affect everything else in your life, spiritual and physical. And this is why here we're going to go over a lot of choices, and you have to start really looking in your life and making those choices. And unfortunately certain things like white sugar, is an addiction. It is definitely an addiction.

So you might think I can do without a jelly donut but you know what's going to happen? Just like somebody that's addicted to cocaine. Your body is going to feel. You're going to sweat. You're going to get sick. You're going to get headaches because of the addiction. And the second thing though is: addiction is idolatry. It doesn't matter whether you're addicted to a cup of coffee. It doesn't matter if its herbal tea ... doesn't matter if it's something good for you. If you are addicted to it, **any addiction is idolatry, before Yahweh.**

So this is where you also, really have to be looking in your heart. And no one's going to tell you. **You have to seek Yahweh's Spirit to show you what is in your life.** What is your white sugar? You might be thinking I don't take white sugar, but maybe something else? What is that idol in your life that could be holding you back? Because as we see here, curse, curse, curse. And **it doesn't just come from one thing. It comes from a pattern in your life that you're doing.** And in verse 20:

Deuteronomy 28:20-22 *YAHWEH shall send cursing on you, trouble and rebuke in all that you set your hand, all which you will do, until you are destroyed, or until you quickly perish, because of the badness of your doings by which you have forsaken Me. YAHWEH shall make the plague cling to you ...* I highlighted this when COVID came because COVID went all over the world. It wasn't just in one area. And look what it says, ... *YAHWEH shall make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land where you are going, to possess it ...* And Israel was. They with the test case for the death shot vaccine and look at verse 22, the last one I'll read here ... *YAHWEH shall strike you with lung disease and fever, ...* That's what COVID is. COVID is a lung disease ... *and with an inflammation ...* And again inflammation in your body will affect other things ... *and with extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting and mildew. And they shall pursue you until you perish.*

So like the word, the saying, *what goes around comes around.* When I say Yahweh works in the circular, but we see even some of the things that are happening today in the land of Israel are coming from these blessings and cursing's there, for not being done. Deuteronomy 30 and verse 10, couple pages over. Deuteronomy 30 in verse 10.

Deuteronomy 30:10-12 *For you shall listen to the voice of YAHWEH your Elohim, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in the book of this Torah. For you shall turn back toward YAHWEH your Elohim, with all your heart and with all your soul. For this command which I am commanding you today is not too wonderful for you, nor is it too far off. It is not in the heavens that you should say, Who shall go up into the heavens for us, and bring it to us, and cause us to hear it, that we may do it?*

Deuteronomy 30:13-14 *And it is not beyond the sea that you should say, Who shall cross over for us to the region beyond the sea and take it for us, and cause us to hear it, that we may do it? For the Word is very near to you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.*

Comment: Wow. And that is what it is. Yahweh's Spirit has opened our minds. He is giving us eyes to see and ears to hear. So these commandments, they are not that far off. They are not that far away. They are right before us. It is just making that decision.

Deuteronomy 30:14-16 *For the Word is very near to you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it. Behold, I have set before you today life and good and death and evil, in that I am commanding you today to love YAHWEH your Elohim, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes, and His judgments, and you shall live and multiply, and YAHWEH your Elohim shall bless you in the land where you are going in, to possess it.*

Deuteronomy 30:17-19 *But if you turn away your heart, and you do not listen, and are impelled to, even bow down to other gods, and serve them; I have declared to you today that you shall certainly perish. You shall not prolong your days in the land to which you are crossing the Jordan, to go in there to possess it. I call Heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore, choose life, that you and your seed may live,*

Comment: And you read that and you wonder, how an earth can countries make laws of killing unborn babies? *Choose life that you and your seed may live* because whole countries sometimes are being cursed because of laws that are enabling them to do things like murdering unborn babies.

Deuteronomy 30:20 *to love YAHWEH your Elohim, to listen to His voice, and to cleave to Him. For **He is your life**, and the length of your days so that you may live in the land which YAHWEH has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give it to them.*

So that is Yahweh, not forcing us, because like it says in Isaiah, He gently guides and leads us, but it is Yahweh *urging* us to make these decisions toward life. And that is why I say sometimes we think it is just the big decision but it is all those little decisions in life that go along the line, that lead to other things, as we are going to see here today. John 1 verse 17 ... John 1 verse 17 says:

John 1:17 *For the Torah was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Yahshua Messiah ... For the Torah was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Yahshua Messiah.*

So you know what? When Christians come and they say that you are not saved by the Torah, they are absolutely right. The Torah was never meant to save us. The Torah is meant as a lamp to our feet. **The Torah is meant to teach us right from wrong** but why is the Torah? Because it can't change the heart. Its words that can tell you right from wrong but it can't change your heart. So it was never meant for salvation. **The Torah was not meant for salvation. Yahshua Messiah came for salvation but it can teach us right from wrong.** That is the purpose of the Torah. Galatians 3 and verse 21 says:

Galatians 3:21 *Then is the (Levitical) Law against the promises of YAHWEH? Elohim forbid! For if a law had been given which had been able to make alive, indeed righteousness would have been out of Law.*

So if there was a law that Yahweh can give to make us ... of course, He would have given it, but He can't. Because again, it can only tell us right from wrong, but it can't change the heart. So if you're an evil, murderous

person you could know killing is wrong or killing brings the death penalty but it's not going to change your heart. It's not going to make you not want to do it. So the Torah cannot change the heart, it can simply tell you right from wrong. Romans 7 in verse 7. Romans 7 verse 7, then I'll drop down to verse 9 through 14. He says:

Romans 7:7 *What shall we say then? Is the instruction sin? Let it not be! But I did not know sin except through the Torah; for also I did not know lust except the Torah said, "You shall not lust."*

So the Torah is teaching us right from wrong, drop down to verse 9.

Romans 7:9-14 *And I was alive apart from the Torah once, but the commandment came, and sin came alive, and I died. And the commandment which was to life, this was found to be death to me; for sin taking occasion through the commandment deceived me, and through it killed me. So indeed the Torah is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. Did that which is good, therefore, become death to me? Far be it. But sin, that it might be seen to be sin, perfected death in me by means of that good Torah; that sin might be more condemned, by means of the commandment. For we know that the Torah is spiritual, but I am fleshly, having been sold under sin.*

And here's that's the 99,000 dollar question why people don't do it, because human nature has a corrupted nature. We have a corrupted nature since the Garden of Eden and mankind has *chosen* not to follow in the perfect law of Yahweh; which is a lamp for our feet to go their own way. And Yahweh said, "Okay that's what you want to do. Okay you know what we'll try it for one week." And with Yahweh a thousand years is a day and a day is a thousand years. "So we'll try it for six thousand years let's see how it works out." And He told Adam, "Go ahead, you go out go outside of Eden. Make your own governments. Make your own schools. Make your own education. Make your own society. Let's see how it works out" and here we are.

We're just about at six thousand years and why will Yahshua have to come now? Because we're at the point where mankind will destroy every man, human being, child on the planet. So what have they done? We're living in the time where Yahweh has allowed the information and the knowledge to increase, like it talks in time of Daniel. And you would think, "Wow knowledge is increasing. We're going to get the cure to cancer. We're going to figure out how to help these suffering people!"

No, what did mankind do instead? They figured out how to make bombs to kill every man, woman and child on the planet. That is the corrupted human nature. And that's why **we need to surrender to that nature to the Spirit of Yahweh to fill us. We have to ... if we put aside the Torah; all decisions will be made from our evil human nature is that simple.** Verse 15 of Romans 7 he says:

Romans 7:15-18 *For I do not know what I do. For I do not do the thing I want; But I do the thing which I hate, this is what I do ... This the Apostle Paul speaking. Can you imagine? ... But if I do what I do not wish to, I agree with the Torah, that it is good. Now then, it is not I who do it, but the sin which dominates in me. For I know that it does not fully dominate me, (that is in my flesh) but as far as good is concerned, the choice is easy for me to make, but to do it is difficult for me.*

Romans 7:19-24 *For it is not the good that I desire to do, that I do. But it is the evil that I do not desire, that I do. But if I do what I do not desire, it is no longer I who do it, but the sin which dominates me. I find therefore that the Torah agrees with my conscience, to desire to do good, but evil is always near, distracting me. For I delight in the Torah of Elohim according to the inward man; ... but he sees another law in his members ...warring against the law of his mind, taking him captive by the law of sin being in his members. O wretched man! Who will deliver me from this mortal body?*

And only you show Messiah. **Only Him living in us through the Ruach H'Chodesh can any true change made.** So again, **our human nature is evil and Yahweh will save through putting the nature of Yahshua into us.** And apart from that, there really is nothing in us to do good. Romans 8 and verse 7 and 8 he says:

Romans 8:7-8 *because the mind of the flesh is enmity ... It' hatred ... towards Elohim; for it is not subject to the Law to the Torah of Elohim, for it is not possible to be so. And those being in the flesh are not able to please Elohim.*

So **we know we cannot please Him without faith.** And **we know we cannot please him if we are in the flesh.** So the carnal mind is hatred toward the Torah. And it proves who has the Ruach H'Chodesh. Matthew 10 and verse 38 ... Matthew 10 and verse 38 says:

Matthew 10:38-39 *And whoever does not take up his torture stake and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. The one finding his life will lose it. And the one losing his life on account of Me will find it.*

So **we have to die to the flesh.** And most people allow the conditioning of the environment around them to make decisions, instead of the Ruach H'Chodesh through the Torah. How much in the world is normal that is abomination to Yahweh? Like I said, murdering a baby, you would think that, and anytime. We couldn't know ... no one would agree with, that but now let's just change the phrase. We call it - a woman's right to choose. And that's what they do. The evil society around us that global government all they do is try to *change the terms*, the names of it, and think that they're getting away with something, but they're not with Yahweh. They're not with Yahweh. They're not kidding anybody.

So we have to make sure we're not allowing the environment around us to condition our decisions. We want to make sure it's Ruach. **90% of your battle is your environment.** I say every year at the school, I learn a very valuable lesson in my life and that was the very first school, was the lesson I learned. **You can't be in an environment that is not conducive to your spiritual life and think you're going to change.** Like I said, that's the insane person - doing the same thing over and over and thinking he's going to get a different result. So 90% of your battle is your environment. **You have to be sanctified.** It's not just in the end time either. It's everywhere in the Bible. I've done messages on this even in the last year *showing* from the Garden of Eden that, that was always the way. Since Adam decided to go out of Eden and make his own society in the world, from that time, no matter it was the Israelites, whoever Yahweh was working with, He basically commanded them to be sanctified away from the world.

1st John 2 and verse 15 this will be one of those scriptures that we will be reading a lot and analyzing:

1st John 2:15-17 *Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, because all that which is in the world: The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and its lust. But the one doing the will of YAHWEH abides forever.*

And I think we probably read this so many times. Like we're not really grasping what its saying. But it literally is saying that, *if anyone loves the world the love of the Father is not in him*. I think the problem is this as we read this; we're saying we don't love the world. But I say, like how many times does anybody take their hand and put it on a hot stove and just kept it there? Probably nobody in this room hardly, anybody I know; or anybody would do that unless they have a little bit of a problem up there. Why? Because it's not comfortable. So if you really hate the world that much then what are people doing staying in it? And you can make every excuse in the world of why you have to but there are a lot of other things you're not doing because you're not comfortable.

And if we're going to change, you have to admit, what you like there. And it is comfortable. It is comfortable in Western society. It is comfortable with air conditioning. It is comfortable to have a refrigerator. These things are comfortable. And they're not necessarily wrong in themselves but *the society*, commercial Babylon is something that Yahweh says to come out of, because it's affecting your mind. It's affecting your mind so the ones who make the excuses, you know what they're called? They're called Laodiceans.

And you know what the thing is? You might say, "Well, I'm not a Laodicean." Just by saying that may make you a Laodicean because that's the Laodicean! He thinks he's not one. So we really ... if we're going to have change, we have to go deep down and look. One of the things ... and we have a whole class on this ... and I'm not going to come up with the answers. You are. I'm going to ask the questions and I'm going to get the answers from you. We're going to have some classes where we're going to make changes right there on the spot.

And I'm praying to Yahweh for His Ruach to inspire who is ever in this room to tell us, what do we need to change today, not tomorrow, right then in the spot. So Moriyah is laughing because she knows a couple of the things I might do in that class, keep everybody guessing here. Galatian 6 and verse 6 ... Galatian 6 and verse 6:

Galatians 6:6-8 *But let the one being taught in the Word, share with the one teaching, in all good things. Do not be deceived, YAHWEH is not mocked. For whatever a man may sow, that he will reap. For the one sowing to his flesh will reap corruption of the flesh. But the one sowing to the Spirit will reap everlasting life from the Spirit.*

So that's the key – we're going to reap what we sow. And it's amazing because I will tell you the most deprived spiritual place on the earth today is in western society. And it's not only in Babylon. I think actually this place is in Europe and other first world countries that are worse than Babylon, to be honest with you, in a spiritual sense. But you know where the best ... do you know where we're seeing the greatest spiritual growth coming? In the communities and they're all in third world.

I have people sometimes contact me in America asking me if we have a community in the United States. They're not even part of our Congregation yet. We have a lot of new people coming in and they're saying,

“Wow, yeah, well I'd like to join. Do you have one in the United States?” I say, “Sorry, we don't. Somebody will ask, “Do you have a congregation in over here in Idaho? “No, we don't have one in Idaho.” “Do you have one close, maybe even towards ...” “No, not in the west coast? To be honest, we don't have one elder in Babylon today.”

And it wasn't that long ago we had about eight to ten elders. We had ten congregations all over but we don't have it anymore. But where is the Spirit thriving? It's thriving in the communities which happened to be in third world. And you know why? Because it doesn't take money to start a community. That's what people think, that you need a billion dollars in putting up a house. Our most thriving community is in Sudan, the poorest place on earth, where it takes maybe a hundred dollars to build a tukul, a thatched house, where they live in. And they love it. They really love it. 900 people living in one community and *thriving*.

So this is what it comes down to. That, what is it? We have to be thinking about that. Because maybe if it was the 1800s and things weren't so bad, the decision would be hard. Because it would be like, “Wow, but it's not so bad, my neighbors are nice. They may be Christian, but they're honest good people. And I have my farm land I'm doing.” And in those days, it was different decision. But today, especially after COVID, man, how hard is it to make a decision. How can't you see what's coming?

They already did it. They locked down the world. They already said, “Unless you take that shot, you can't buy food.” We went through it not for a month, or a week, we went through it almost three years. And I used to go to the supermarket just to condition myself. I knew they weren't going to let me in and Petra would ask the policeman there, “So you're saying we can't buy food unless we have that COVID?” “Yeah.” “But what if we have no food. We have a child.” “Don't make a difference. Get the shot if you want it.” There was no heart. There was no mercy. There was no caring.

And the next one's going to be worse. So this is what it comes to now. This is why it's a blessing that you always Yahweh's given us a little bit of time. And if after COVID, after they opened up your country, after they allow you to go back to the store, if you just went back to your own life. Wow! Shame on you, if you didn't learn anything from that of what's coming because what happens? When the next one comes, then all of a sudden everybody panics again.

And I tell the story years and years ago, we were in America and it's when the first Antifada broke out in 2001. And people pleaded with us not to go back to Israel. There were some people that had dreams that I was going to be killed there by an Arab or something. And the ironic part was, I said, “Well, that's where Yahweh has us.” That's where we went. We weren't back there more than a couple of weeks and that's when 911 happened. And you could not believe the amount of people trying to contact ... because they couldn't contact me. I don't have public email but trying to contact my dad or contact someone that they had to get in touch with me. “What do we do ... what do we do?” It's like, “I was only there a month ago, I told you what to do.”

So I realized now, that's another thing Yahweh showed me through COVID that for the majority of the people, doesn't matter what happens. They are not going to change. They'll change *for that one second* while the thing is going on. And if you want to know this for sure, just read the Israelites coming out of Egypt, just read that

story and you'll see that they were hard-headed and stubborn from the beginning to the end. And every time something happened then they changed for a minute.

One of the greatest things that Yahweh did when He parted the Red Sea, look at Exodus 15, and read the song in Exodus 15, how they're praising Yahweh and the very next chapter they're cursing Yahweh. And that's a life of most people, and unfortunately even some brethren or Sabbath keepers. It doesn't matter you can know the name Yahweh, that really doesn't mean anything today. **Yahweh says He judges you by what you do.** You reap what you sow. And Yahweh judges you by the fruits of what you're doing. And that's the end of it.

So like I said, we can kid ourselves but we're not going to kid Yahweh. Every decision has consequences in life. A decision to covet can lead to a decision to steal, which can lead to a decision to lie about it later. So one sin can lead to another sin. And you can go ... even just with Adam and Eve with the original sin of eating of the forbidden fruit, and you could see probably seven sins were committed from there at least, and it could have been more.

The job you have the people, you're with, the TV you watch, the websites you're surfing, the books you're reading, the CDs you're listening to, the teachers you're hearing; they all make up the person you are and the decisions that you're going to make. So we're like a blank USB. Everything that's coming in is filling us up to what we are being made of. 1st Corinthians 15:33 says:

1st Corinthians 15:33 *Do not be led away; bad communications ruin good habits.*

So are we simply Sabbath believers, where on the Sabbath we come and we get together and brother this one, sister that one, and then all of a sudden during the week all our friends and all our acquaintances are all people in the world? People we work with? Who are the closest people in your life? What does it come down to? **Bad communications ruin good habits.** So we want to make sure that we are building proper relationships with people that are going to uplift us.

And I always say that when I look at the story in **Genesis 3** where right off the bat you say, "Hmm, there's two problems here." Number one, why are Adam and Eve palling around with Satan? That's the first question I have. What are they even doing palling around with Satan? And the second question I have, why is Eve palling around with Satan without our husband to begin with? So you get two big lessons there to begin with right off the bat - *bad communications ruin good habits.* So this is what we have to look. 2nd Corinthians 9 in verse 6 ... 2nd Corinthians 9 inverse 6 says:

2nd Corinthians 9:6-10 *But remember this: the one sowing sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one sowing generously will also reap generously. Each one as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or out of necessity, for YAHWEH loves a cheerful giver. And Elohim is able to make all grace to abound toward you, that in everything, always having all self-sufficiency, you may abound to every good work; even as it has been written, "He has distributed liberally, He has given to the poor, His righteousness abides forever." Now He that supplies seed to the Sower and bread for eating, may He supply and multiply your seed and increase the fruits of your righteousness, ...* And I think we saw a lot of this during COVID.

2nd Corinthians 9:11-13 *in everything you being enriched in all sincerity, which works out thanksgiving to YAHWEH through us. Because the ministry of this service is not only making up the things lacking of the saints, but also multiplying through many thanksgivings to YAHWEH, through the proof of this charitable service, they glorifying YAHWEH by your freely expressed submission to the good news of Messiah, and through your generosity you have become partakers with them and with all men;*

So very clearly, if we sow sparingly, we will reap sparingly. And **this is not just physically** because some people are blessed more financially than others and they can give more financially, others don't. At the same rate Yahshua said the greatest gift was the widow's mite. So everyone can give a little bit, but He's talking spiritually also. And that's another reason, what kind of spiritual seeds are we putting out? And that's the first key why **you have to understand what your spiritual gifts are because you have to understand what you can give before you can give it.** So you want to make sure you're understanding what your spiritual gifts are, and then we're going to build. We're going to build from there. Ecclesiastes 11 and verse 1 says:

Ecclesiastes 11:1 *Send out your bread on the face of the waters, for in many days you will find it.*

So some people may be in areas where there's more growth. In Africa, in the last couple years, we've had tremendous amount of growth. I just got an email this week from Elder Merthus from Burundi and it's amazing how much the congregation is growing there. It's just growing in leaps and bounds. And it seems like every month or so they're baptizing another 30 people, baptizing other 50 people. And in another area, it's sparse. In other areas it's the little bit of seeds you really got a nurture to make sure.

But in any case, and this is what happened when I was first ordained because I wasn't expecting to be ordained and the elder came up and said, "Yahweh told me to lay hands on you." I right away said, "Him?" I wasn't expecting it and I really didn't know what to do. So I looked at the scripture and I tried everything. I went on local radio in Pennsylvania. I went ... we started missions to homeless.

We started with our congregation going out once a week giving food to homeless people. I went down to places like the YMCA that had people that were living there, like homeless people, and I offered to give my services. I was coming there giving sermons over there and I was doing anything I could. I was casting my bread upon the water.

And then I had a plan, let me go a month later, see what's bearing fruit and now we'll narrow it down. So this is where you have to think about working smarter, not harder. And you have to do it. **You have to cast your bread upon the waters and see what sticks.** You have to see what's working and then you modify that and you do it.

John 4 in verse 31, but we don't want to make excuses because we really don't want to change. And this happened one time ...one thing I don't like to do is: I don't like to just hand people money. At times that helps. There is a time where somebody just needs money. They lost their wallet and they need ten dollars for their train to get back where they're going, but most of the time people don't need money. People don't need little pieces of paper with dead dignitaries. They need what the money can buy. So I try to help people with what

the money can buy. And to help them, like it says - *give a man a fish, you're feeding for a day. Teach him how to fish you feed him for life.*

So when we lived in Jerusalem we would do this. We had a ministry. Me and Petra would go out every day and we would look for somebody that needed help. And a lot of days it was just an old lady carrying a bag and "Hey can we carry that bag to your house?" But I noticed that a lot of people really didn't want help, they wanted money. That's all they wanted. And we met a woman one time she was living in the hostel. I'm trying to remember if she might have had a son with her, or whatever, and she came up and said, "Oh, she doesn't have the money and she can't." And I met a lot of people in Jerusalem that way.

And one thing I say is, says in Romans, if you have faith, have it between you and Yahweh alone. If you're coming to me and asking me for money, then that's not faith. That's not faith. And yet, you're going to tell people how much faith you have. No, ask Yahweh for the money and if Yahweh wants to inspire me, He can inspire me to give you money but if you're asking all the people there, brethren, for money and then going around saying how much faith you have, you don't have faith. You're just having money.

So with this woman we wanted to help her. So what we decided to do is, we decided what let's get her ... see a place where she can live. So we went for almost a week talking to people finding out. We found a place where somebody that was handicapped that needed somebody to live in their house. It was a beautiful house. They could live there for free. And all they had to do was help this woman by going out and buying stuff, or whatever. And then all of a sudden we're coming back and, "You're not going to believe the miracle!" "Oh, I can't do that" without even knowing where it is. "Oh no, I'm allergic to mold." "No there's no mold in the house." "Oh, I can't really go upstairs." "No, it's a one-floor house." "Well, I have to be in bed by seven o'clock." It was just excuse after excuse after excuse, until we realized all she wanted was money. And that's what happens.

So we want to make sure that **when we're doing ministry, we're doing ministry by the gifts Yahweh has given us and we're serving somebody else.** It's not we're doing it for us. And that's why I said, the trouble today with Christianity ... not just Christianity, but let's say religion in leadership ... the people are there for the leader. So if I'm your Christian pastor, I'm not here for you. You're here for me because I get paid by you and I have to make sure I have a nice house. I have to make sure I have a brand new car and all the other stuff. So I have to entertain you enough that you'll give me enough money that I can live off you. And that's never that. That's the opposite of what it should be.

He who wants to be greatest among you, let him be your servant. And that's why in COYJ we don't have paid ministry because it becomes too easy to become a hireling. And I said I would rather starve to death, then become a hireling. That's the last thing on earth I would ever want to do. And I never want money to ever to become a part of it. So in that way, even though the Bible says a pastor should be taken care of, I like the Apostle Paul, I gave that liberty away because I never wanted to be that way. And we have to make sure in our life it's not always money. We have to make sure that as you're building a ministry, that ministry is based on the things Yahweh gave you to give to somebody else.

Me and Mariah recently we're watching something it was a true story of a woman ... really, really good movie ... and this lady, she was an older lady and she would help people. And as she helped them and gave money they'd say, "No, we want to pay you back" and she said, "No, you don't pay back. You pay forward" And that's my motto now. I want that in my life. You never pay back. **We don't pay back, you pay forward.** Yahweh gave something to you.

I remember when I was a young guy, was 20 years old, in the church, first year; and I got a brand new car you know I had the money to get a car, and somebody said, "Wow why do you get a minivan? You're a single guy." Because now I can drive six people to work. I can make it work to services. I can go and pick this widow up I can come here. So you don't pay back, you pay forward. Whatever Yahweh blesses you with, you have to give that up somewhere else. And whatever you're giving, that's the tithing principle.

I've had people that years ago in Church of God when it broke up, and they wanted to prove to me that you don't have to tithe. They wanted to prove to me that, that's it. And I said, so at the end of the conversation they said, "So okay, so what, at the end of the day then if you don't have to tithe, what do you do with the 10%? "Stick it in my pocket."

The same as the Jews today, believe it or not, the rabbis they don't tithe. So they'll sit there and they'll have a thousand laws on the Sabbath and cut your toilet paper before the Sabbath starts. But when it comes to tithing, "We can't tithe because there's no priesthood. Oh, glad on that one!" "Then what do you do with the money?" "Keep it in my pocket ... keep it in my pocket." So I said to rabbis, "Well, why don't you give it to poor people?" "No, that would be stealing from Yahweh." "Hmm, taking that 10% and giving it to poor people, stealing from Yahweh, but sticking in your pocket and spending it, isn't?" "Yes, that's right." So we don't kid Yahweh. We don't get kid Him. **Anything you're blessed with, you give something back. Nothing is just for you.** It's always to give back. It's always to give forward, not to pay back but to give forward. Genesis 2:16 and 17:

Genesis 2:16-17 *And YAHWEH Elohim commanded the man, saying, Eating you may eat of every tree in the garden; but of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil you may not eat, for in the day that you eat, surely you will surely die.*

Life and death are in obedience, that's where it comes from ... life and death are in obedience. And to me, being somebody that had a very structured life, even when I was young. When I learned of the truth and I learned of the Torah, it didn't bother me, I loved it. I loved the fact that now I had a box and I knew what was right and what was wrong. Because that's why like I said, we come here, there are rules here - don't put the toilet paper in the bowl, put it in a can.

You want to know these rules before a big mistake happens. So **it's a blessing to know right from wrong.** It's not a curse ... it's not a curse. But there are people that just have an evil mind that don't want to follow anything but whatever whim they have at the time. And they look at the Torah as something that's evil. Nobody's going tell them what to do. And like I say we're not Elohim. We're made from dirt and water. And each of us has so many days and so many seconds and so many heartbeats on this earth, and then that's it. We

can't give ourselves eternal life, but the One who did, yes, He has a right to tell us what we need to do and what we don't need to do. He has the right and praise Him that He's given us free will though, to make that choice. Proverbs 4 and verse 10 it says:

Proverbs 4:10 *Oh my son, hear and receive my sayings, and years of your life shall be many.*

Comment: So what does it do? That **following the Torah adds more life on to us.**

Proverbs 4:11-16 *I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in the right tracks; when you go, your tracks shall not be narrowed, and when you run, you shall not stumble. Take fast hold of instruction, do not let her go; keep her, for she is your life. Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not go in the way of evildoers. Avoid it, do not pass by it; turn from it and pass on. For they do not sleep if they have done no evil, and their sleep is taken away unless they cause some to fall ... You would think it's talking about the days we're living in today.*

Proverbs 4:17-22 *For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. But the path of the righteous is as in a bright light going on and shining till the day is established. The way of the wicked is as darkness; they do not know at what they stumble. My son, pay attention to my words; stretch your ear to what I say; let them not depart from your eyes; keep them in the center of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and healing to all flesh.*

So we see here that reaping bad decisions will bring bad results; reaping good decisions will bring good results. Jeremiah 6, and unfortunately, we're not living in the days of Little House on the Prairie. And the days where things were easier and people might have been a little better and kinder. We're living in the last days. We're living in the days where it says it's the worst time the world will ever know. Well, Yahweh also tells us something in these days. Jeremiah 6 in verse 13 He says:

Jeremiah 6:13-16 *For everyone from the least of them even to the greatest of them cuts off a profit. And from the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals falsely ... We see it today ... They have also healed the break of My people slightly, saying, Peace, peace, when there is no peace ... We're seeing that today ... Were they ashamed when they made an abomination? They were not at all ashamed, nor did they know to blush. So they shall fall among those who fall. At the time I visit them, they shall be cast down, says YAHWEH. So says YAHWEH, Stand by the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; and you shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk in it.*

Jeremiah 6:17-19 *I also raised watchmen over you, saying, Listen to the sound of the ram's horn. But they said, We will not listen. So hear, O nations, and know, O congregation, that which is coming on them. Hear, O earth, behold! I will bring evil on this people, the fruit of their thoughts. For they have not listened to My Words, and My Torah; they have rejected it.*

So this is what we're seeing in the times we're living in today. And we need to go to those old paths. We need to go back to the old paths. We need to go back to homeschooling and teaching our children the way the Bible says, not sending our children to Satan's society. We need to be thinking of ways to get out of society, even

working in society. How to have businesses within the Congregation. Have businesses within families and brethren. We need to be thinking about this. We need to be thinking about getting out into the old paths. Deuteronomy 4 in verse 26, He says:

Deuteronomy 4:26-29 *I call the heavens and the earth to witness against you today that you shall soon utterly perish from off the land to which you go over the Jordan to possess it; you shall not prolong your days on it, but shall utterly be destroyed. And YAHWEH shall scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations to which YAHWEH shall lead you away. And there you shall serve other gods, the work of man's hands, wood and stone, which cannot see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. And if you shall seek YAHWEH your Elohim from there, then you shall find Him, if you seek Him with your whole heart, and with all your soul,*

Deuteronomy 4:30-32 *in your distress, when all these things have found you, **in the latter days**, ... and here we are ... then you shall return to YAHWEH your Elohim, and shall listen to His voice. For YAHWEH your El is a merciful Elohim. He will not forsake you, nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them. For ask now of the days past which were before you, since the day that Elohim created man on the earth, and from the one end of the heavens to the other end of the heavens, whether there has been a thing as great as this, or has anything like it been heard.*

Drop down the verse 39 and 40:

Deuteronomy 4:39-40 *know today, and lay it to your heart, that YAHWEH, He is The Elohim in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. Nothing Else. And you shall keep His statutes and His commandments which I am commanding you today, so that it may be well with you, and with your sons after you, and so that you may prolong your days on the earth, which YAHWEH our Elohim is giving to you all the days.*

So faith is obedience. All the commandments are for our good. And that's what Yahweh is sharing with us particularly in the end time. Last scripture is Proverbs 3 ... Proverbs, the 3rd chapter, starting in verse 1:

Proverbs 3:1-8 *My son, do not forget my Torah, but let your heart guard and keep my commandments, for they shall add length of days and long life and peace to you ... Like we were just saying ... Mercy and truth will not forsake you, tie them on your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, and you shall find favor and good understanding in the sight of Elohim and man. Trust in YAHWEH with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear YAHWEH and depart from evil. Healing shall be to your navel and marrow to your bones.*

So we see, like I said, at the beginning, even your physical body and your health is dependent on your obedience and the decisions that we are making to Yahweh. So here we are - you made a decision to come to this program to change your life to get closer to Yahweh to be trained to bear more fruit for the kingdom. In that decision you made, choices to sacrifice certain things so you could make this program a reality. So everybody you made different choices you had to make in order to get here.

So now for the next 30 days, make a choice to commit yourself 100% to the reason that you're here. The class is the homework; the exercise is to get real lasting change.

Make a choice after you leave here to continue to follow the commitments you're going to make while you're here. You have a great opportunity that very, very few will get. And I can tell you that. One of the other people that would have loved to be here that didn't, you have a great opportunity that very few will get take advantage of it. Embrace it completely and become the person Yahweh created you to be. Yahweh bless.