

A Call to Discipleship

(Notes from *The Word of Messiah Conference*)



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1 John 4:17

By this, love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; **because as He is, so also are we in this world.**

“The body lives out the values of the head.”

Ephesians 4:15-16

But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in **all aspects** into Him, who is the head, *even* Messiah, from whom **the whole body, being fitted and held together** by that which **every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part,** causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

*“**A congregation’s spiritual health is not based upon its surface practices but on its internal functions.**”*

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no vision (הזון), the people are unruly (פרע), but happy is he who keeps the Torah.

Three Redemptive Works of Messiah:

1. **High Priest** (Psalm 110:4) = **Prayer/Worship**
2. **Prophet** (Deut.18:15-19) = **Teaching**
3. **King** (Isaiah 9:6-7) = **Overseeing/Fellowship**



Matthew 28:18-20

And Yeshua came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, immersing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the holy spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

***“The un-disciplined believer is a
dysfunctional member of the body.”***

***“How do we have unity in our community? By having
the same personal discipleship for all members of the
community.”***

Why do we make disciples?

1. To obey Yeshua (Matt.28:18)
2. To empower other believers to honor Yeshua.
3. To have a functional, unified, wholesome community.

“Do not be dominated by your personality!”

***Q: Why is there a gap between beliefs and behaviors?
A: Lack of discipleship.***

“Beware of ‘self-validation’ through externalities.”

“Everything external IS a testimony.”

“Are the believers in your community disciplined in the messianic faith, or merely acculturated in messianic expression?”

“If we are only acculturated, we cannot express our faith outside our culture. A change in culture feels like a change in the faith!”

1 Corinthians 9:19-21

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more. And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law, though not being myself under the Law, that I might win those who are under the Law; to those who are without Torah, as without Torah, **though not being without the Torah of God** but under the Torah of Messiah, that I might win those who are without Torah.

***Unity in primary matters.
Liberty in secondary matters.
Charity in all matters.***

Matthew 23:23

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the **weightier provisions of the Torah: justice and mercy and faithfulness**; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.”

“Don’t be ‘right’ if it makes you unrighteous.”

Q: What is the difference between primary and secondary matters?

A: Primary things are the beliefs we hold in common with ALL believers.

LEGALIST: *One who is strong in his opinion.
(He is postured to be offended.)*

1 Timothy 4:1

(...and the “doctrine of demons”)

But the spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to **deceitful spirits** and **doctrines of demons**...

***“My spiritual identity is in Messiah.
My expression of faith is through Torah.”***

Genesis 34

PRINCIPLE: ***“When proper authority under-reacts,
improper authority will over-react.”***

***“Leadership must change for there to be any kind of
change in the community.”***

“Maintaining the status quo is carnality.”

Colossians 1:28

And we proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present every man complete in Messiah.

Exodus 18:19-22

“Now listen to me: I shall give you counsel, and God be with you. You be the people’s representative before God, and **you bring the disputes to God**, then **teach them** the statutes and the laws, and make known to them the way in which they are to walk, and the work they are to do. Furthermore, you shall **select out of all the people able men** who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place *these* over them, as leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens. And let them judge the people at all times ...”

THE RESULT:

Exodus 18:23

“If you do this thing and God so commands you, then you will be able to **endure**, and all these people also will go to their place in **peace**.”

Stages in the 1st Century Kahal:

1. Acts 1-5 Foundation placed (Apostles do *everything*.)
2. Acts 6-11 Delegating (Stephen, Barnabas, Phillip)
3. Acts 12-28 Local leadership takes over (the baton is passed)

John 13:34-35

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