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Shalom!

Grace In Action

September finds us at Set Apart Ministries welcoming a number of new individuals and families to our little community.

The office has been completely moved now and the contact information is updated in this newsletter and soon will be on our website as well. We are even beginning to find various things that were misplaced during the move and our resource library is nearly set up again.

Our catalog on the website is only a few days away from going online with our various offerings: among them books by Frank Houtz and Wally Smith (House of Israel Fellowship in Nevada), Batya Wootten, Ephraim Frank, and Dr. C.R. Oliver (see quote from *The Sons of Zadok* in this issue), a praise CD by Mel and Ronen Shalom, and tzittiot, shofar bags, banners and tambres prepared by members of our local community. We will be so pleased to see this project finally go LIVE online!

Progress on the **teleconference series for Messianic Fellowship Leaders** has been a slow crawl but we are moving ahead with a target date to begin by early November.

Much to our surprise, Barb and Bob Klika have been deeply involved in **exploring what actually goes into the process of preparing food for kosher slaughter, particularly beef**. What started as an attempt to clarify some misinformation making the rounds among our Messianic Movement has expanded to a full investigative report on many aspects of the slaughter process, how foods are declared kosher or nonkosher and what our conclusions are as to the practice of kashering meat. We are grateful for the reviews, critiques and comments of several authors so far: Frank Houtz, Wally Smith, Batya Wootten, John Conrad and Hope Eagan as well as various members and friends of our community.

We are currently wondering just what our Abba has in mind for this totally unexpected research project and are praying for understanding as to where to direct it. It has become far bigger



In today's article on grace, Barb discusses the issue of those who have been betrayed and traumatized in the past. In this article, I will further discuss how maturity and the *Life Model* relate to this issue.

When these survivors of trauma enter a community, in my past experience, they are normally seen as the "problem" people. Leaders in congregations do not know how to work with them. They will often go from church to church, searching for a home. They are always seeking but never finding the love and acceptance they need. This is partially due to the fact that they are driven by fear and unbelief. If they find a place that is growing and thriving, they cannot believe that it's possible for them to become a part of that community. They believe sooner or later they will

than originally understood! May our Messiah be raised up in it all.

Plans are in place for the **Fall Feasts** with some fine tuning to do as yet. We will gather at a local park for the week and look forward to days of rest, praise, dancing, teaching and fellowship. **Gini Detri of Isaiah 40 Ministries** will be with us one day to speak about her most recent trip to Israel and the needs she has found.

In November, we are preparing to welcome **Rebecca Park Totilo of Rebecca At The Well ministry**. She will have the entire weekend November 10-12 to teach about the Bride of Messiah and the implications for our time. Please put it on your calendar! Details will be on our website and sent to those on our community email list. We will begin sending out Public Service Announcements to area newspapers, radio and TV stations in mid October.

Rebecca will be promoting it with her full calendar on her website, too. She has a large following in many churches due to the recognition she has received as author of women's and children's devotional books so this should be a wonderful time to invite friends and relatives who have not yet understood why we pursue our Hebraic Heritage!

Another conversation has been brewing as to just what it means to be affiliated with an organization such as Messianic Israel Alliance. Barb has been in touch now with various fellowship leaders around the country following our Leadership Concerns Survey.

The question a number of leaders seem to have had is whether or not MIA, or other Messianic organizations, are becoming a new sort of denomination or are just support organizations. Some welcome a denominational structure if it is so while others resist out of concern for inappropriate control issues or their previous experience.

For instance, in essence MIA was originally formed according to Batya Wootten simply for the purpose of spreading the understanding about Ephraim and to provide a place for people of like mind to get acquainted and converse.

According to Boaz Michael's online article about the Two House Movement he noted that Messianic Judaism formed to evangelize Jews, never foreseeing that Christians hungry for their Hebraic Heritage would come along.

We are gathering an informal survey on this matter. If you have thoughts to add to several we have on hand, please consider emailing us at info@setapartmingb.org and put **DENOMINATIONS DISCUSSION** in the subject line. Many thanks!

be hurt. Questions about *YHWH* abound--"Who is the God that allowed me to be hurt? Why didn't He protect me? How can I ever trust Him?"

What they desire the most is also what they fear the most--relationships ([click here](#) for our archived article on love and fear bonds or [here](#) for a chart of love and fear bonds). In the past, the people who supposedly loved them were the ones who hurt and abused them. Their past experiences in the religious community ended up with them leaving, hurt and traumatized again.

When the wounded and those new to Hebraic understanding enter a new community, there is often a time when they come and go--in S.A.M., we've come to call it "dancing in and dancing out." These people will see something they like and want and will attend for a short time. Fear will quickly grab hold and they'll leave for a time, only to return later. This cycle can be repeated many times before they are able to fully enter into a community.

Setting boundaries (expectations, use of time, roles, conflict management, etc.) or confronting can cause them to see themselves as victims and the people setting the boundaries as the "perpetrators." Since they did have to "take care of themselves" to survive, they may be independent or rebellious in nature. This nature may be evident in aggressive behavior or it may be passive and subtle, hidden under fear. They will not take direction well. The "perpetrator" can be seen as mean and unreasonable or controlling. Unfortunately, there will be casualties in this spiritual and emotional battle. There are those who will not be able to overcome their fear. There will be

Plant & Grow a Strong Messianic Fellowship project is not far from our thoughts either but moving slowly. We have just offered an opportunity for a marketing internship with us through two area colleges and are eagerly praying the right person will be brought to us to speed us on our way.

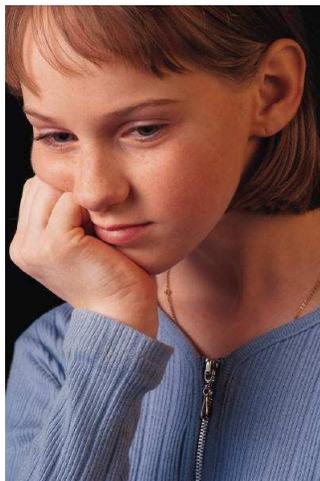
We will be changing our newsletter service in the next six weeks or so. If you don't hear from us, please contact us in case we dropped your address in the download process. We don't really want to lose any of you!

As we nearly conclude this *Teshuvah* season, may you be cleansed and refreshed, in preparation for the rehearsal of the Feast to come! B.K.

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But What about Grace? Dealing with Those Who have been Hurt



HOW DO WE DEAL IN GRACE WITH PEOPLE WHO DON'T TRUST GOD AND HIS GRACE BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN BETRAYED AND TRAUMATIZED BY THOSE WHO SHOULD HAVE PROTECTED THEM?

This is an especially challenging issue because people who have been hurt deeply are so very sensitive to anything that could be perceived as shaming or condemning, even if there is no shame or guilt intended.

- How is it possible to convey the idea that we need to be obedient to Righteous Teachings because they are

accusations, division and separation.

As you can clearly see, it takes people in the parenting and elder stage of maturity to help these people, along with a whole community. Each person is an individual; there is no specific formula to follow. If you're a parent, you know that each of your children is very different, with his or her own special needs. The same goes for these "adult children."

By the wonderful *Grace* of *YHWH*, however, there is hope! Through community and maturity, these people can grow in grace, in knowledge and overcome their fear.

- You will need a lot of godly patience and love. It is the love of *Yeshua* working through us and the power of the *Ruach Ha Kodesh*, not our own power. At times, it will be difficult to keep your flesh from rearing its ugly head in anger and frustration. This can be a teaching opportunity. When your flesh does expose itself, how do you handle it? Do you ignore it or discuss what happened with that person. It can also serve to teach them that despite the fact that you've gotten angry with them, it does not mean the end of the relationship.

I'm known for my merciful heart and patience--most of the time. With people I've come to develop a long-term relationship, the joke is, "Uh-oh, I know I've gone too far when Marilyn gets frustrated." They have come to understand that I may sometimes get

intended to safeguard us when these same Teachings have been misrepresented as a burden, as rigid and lacking in grace by parents, close friends or church leaders?

If any of these same people who should have been nurturing and mentoring in our lives were instead abusive in any way it can make even strong minded people very wary, let alone those whose spirits are easily crushed.

Someone who has been betrayed all too many times will not usually respond with open hearted joy and acceptance the first time someone tries to come alongside them. They will often be skittish, fearful and sometimes just plain unfriendly, even though you are offering the very thing they really want and need the most. It takes time and patience as well as willingness to look beyond the outward behavior to see the heart of the person in pain.

- While we do NOT advocate allowing wounded people to act out and behave however badly they want to behave and would suggest that limits need to be applied to avoid further damage to them or others in the community, we also affirm that leaders need to expect some challenges to their sincerity and genuine concern before trust is established.
- This discernment process is often lengthy and is usually best accomplished by a group of people who work together prayerfully to support the wounded ones.

On the other hand, as we were warned by Paul in his letter to Timothy, there would come a time when people would not be willing to tolerate sound teaching, preferring instead to have their ears tickled. We do believe that such is the time in which we live now. So, assisting people in the appropriate understanding of grace will involve an awareness of their own backgrounds and great patience and care on the part of those who teach and encourage.

- Misapplied grace amounts to license to do anything and this will not bring His people safely home to Him. (Romans 6: 1)
- Yet, mistaking woundedness or shame for defiance will not be effective either and could drive people even further away.

Someone who is familiar with the effects of trauma on the ability to develop relationships, handle conflict and the

frustrated, but I don't give up or stop loving them.

- It is important to have other mature people with whom you can pray and advise one another. Examine why your frustration level is growing-- perhaps boundaries are being crossed or you are taking responsibility for the wounded person. Perhaps there is a gap in your own maturity that needs some attention.
- Consistency and honesty are also important characteristics. Are you consistent in your actions? Do your actions match what you speak and teach? When you say you are going to do something, do you make every effort to do it? Wounded people need to see that you will be consistent when coming alongside them, that it won't be just a one-time event when you help.
- Setting boundaries is very important for people who have had no boundaries in their past. They may see this as being hurtful at times. Again, consistency in your boundaries is important. Remember, you are teaching them to become adults and to be a growing part of the community. In our next newsletter, we will explore and define boundaries.
- Affirm who they are in Messiah. Let them know what you see as godly in their character. Wounded people tend to focus on their faults,

development of intimacy while still maintaining joy and being able to bring the wounded one back to joy with them is so important to avoid misunderstanding and further brokenness along the way. This is a major part of what we at Set Apart Ministries have been equipped and called to do locally in our own growing community for one another and through the services of Marilyn Guffey and Barb Klika for our national and international community.

As we further discuss the issue of dealing with betrayed and traumatized people, it is so important to recall the difference between shame and guilt. Shame may be seen as an aspect of one's "being" while guilt is more about one's "doing." (Frank Houtz has been exploring this subject and has several articles on the difference between shame and guilt as motivators for behavior and how different societies and communities may use the two. [Click here for Frank's article.](#)) For my purposes here, we will use the following definitions:

- **Shame** is an internal experience or belief about oneself of not measuring up, inadequacy, and some kind of implication that one can never be any different.
- **Guilt** is about behavior. It is also about whether one correctly perceives oneself to have actually sinned and done something to violate YHWH's commands. There are two kinds of guilt:

Real Guilt Burden--whether intentional or unintentional, which can be relieved through repentance, confession, and forgiveness.

Unrealistic Guilt Burden -- whether intentional or unintentional, one did something wrong, has sincerely repented and been forgiven by YHWH but cannot forgive one's self.

Getting to know people well enough to understand what exactly they are dealing with is a time-consuming yet rewarding process! All too often, assumptions are made and pre-determined "cures" are recommended without really understanding the actual burden.

To encourage and teach people in a way that demonstrates grace yet also involves awe for YHWH's Righteous Teachings, we think requires understanding the maturity level of people concerned. As Yeshua Himself said, He did not call His Disciples "friends" until later in their teaching time with Him. Even so, He also commented that there was much He would have liked to tell them

leading to feelings of guilt and shame. Where do you see growth in their maturity? Encourage them in their spiritual gifts and how they can use them to help the community.

It takes time to build a community. After six years, we are seeing fruit. We are seeing a stable core of people who are beginning to serve and minister to others. We see people becoming more consistent in their walk with Messiah. As leaders, we continue to grow with the challenges that come our way. In recent months, YHWH has blessed us with new people attending and new challenges.

It isn't always easy or pretty, but we know YHWH is at work. We can see His hand at work in the growth of our "family." As we gather together, we see people taking more responsibility for preparation. We see people who were once terrified of community serving in various ways and being consistent in attendance. They are serving others who are in the same place they once were. By the grace of YHWH, we will continue to grow and reach out to Ephraim who has been lost for so long. (M.G.)

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but they were not yet able to bear it. Thus, He was sending His Ruach to continue to lead His followers into further understanding.

We see this as intimately connected to maturing in every way into our Messiah Who is our Head.

Dr. C.R. Oliver has graciously given his permission to quote from his writings. We have been affirmed, encouraged, and challenged by his work "The Sons of Zadok".

At Set Apart Ministries, we understand that we are being set apart for our YHWH's purposes and that our call is to be a part of the highway of return for those seeking the ancient paths of righteousness. We know that Yeshua has many sheep who have become bedraggled and dirty as they have been treated poorly by those closest to them.

- We see this as an indication of the lack of maturity and ability to nurture others toward becoming like Messiah in those who harmed the sheep, **yet must move beyond assessing the cause toward redeeming the person.**li>

Some bedraggled sheep need warmth and encouragement in order to step forward toward righteousness. Some mistreated ones have become arrogant or cocky in order to cope and will need firm yet loving redirection. Knowing people well enough to discern the need is not always a pretty thing: sometimes it gets downright messy and difficult.

We believe that relationship holds the key to making a difference in people's lives: First our own intimate relationship with our Messiah and then both individual and community connection. It rarely was only one person who contributed to such harm but often a group of people who did not nurture and respect those who have been traumatized and betrayed. Therefore, we depend on the presence of our awesome Elohim, through His Ruach, to work in and through us, personally and corporately, for redemption.

Dr. Oliver has examined the role and calling of the Sons of Zadok, that part of the Levitical Priesthood that maintained their focus on ministering before YHWH, rather than participating in the sins of other priests or people. Their focus is on YHWH as they serve. He differentiates between those in the "Eli system" of priesthood—representing every kind of corruption; and those in the Zadok priesthood— demonstrating the righteousness that is pleasing to Him in every aspect of their

[Sheep of Israel-David Gipson](#)

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lives which can be a spiritual model for us today.

Mark 12: 33 and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

Romans 12: 1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, Holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect, will of God.

BEGIN QUOTE; Oliver, C.R., *The Sons of Zadok*, Zadok Publications, Montgomery, Texas, 2000

Their constituency is different from the "system" people. Zadok priests assist the elect who bring the type of sacrifices mentioned as "acceptable" in the aforementioned Scriptures.

The word "assist" is used for the primary activity of the true Sons in working with a person seeking to come before the Lord. They are to teach him or her what is acceptable and help him or her offer that acceptable sacrifice to the Lord. For the Sons of Zadok, it is a wonderfully rewarding task. God has already deemed the offering as acceptable. He has already opened the ministry alone to the Sons. Nothing but joy, acceptance, and confidence surround both priest and offerer. . . .

Any man or woman or even child can work in this office simply by seeking the Lord on His terms and receiving His approval. The Sons of Zadok hear the voice of the most High God and do what His voice commands. No other ordination is needed. The oil of Spiritual Aaron comes from the Lord himself. . . .

God charges the Sons to teach the people the difference between the holy and the profane. (Now that task on the surface looks simple, but it is not!) The Sons crowd is not interested in "what can I do and still be saved" approaches. They huddle close to the altar and begin their judgment from it. . . .

Teaching that which is holy and that which is profane takes personal time. The process incorporates every aspect of life. Speech, mental pursuits, manner of living, socializing, life pursuits (occupational and hobby) are to be tested as to their holiness or profaneness. Better to learn spiritual discrimination than to watch the bonfire of

your works in the day of His judgment!

END QUOTE

(PP 139-145, Chapter 6: True Sons of Zadok Ministry)

When we pay attention to our source and bring our own lives under His righteousness, we will be equipped to come grace-FULLY alongside the bedraggled, wounded, fearful or haughty sheep He brings to us. When we really are who we claim to be, in season and out, we will become trustworthy, even to those who have been severely hurt.

Final Portion on Grace Next Issue:

AS ONE MOVES TOWARD TORAH OBEDIENCE ARE THERE PRECAUTIONS TO FOLLOW TO AVOID FALLING INTO A LEGALISTIC SNARE?

Keeping Your Joy Full!



Many of the authors of our Christian books seem unable to comprehend what it means to have the kind of radiant, overflowing, inner joy that Jesus brought to earth and shared with His followers. I have known professional theologians who appear baffled and bewildered by a demonstration of the believer's lighthearted joy in the Holy spirit. To be set free by Jesus Christ, to revel in the new birth, to exude the joy of the Lord, to celebrate the knowledge that one's sins have been forgiven because of the vicarious sacrifice of Christ who went to the cross and shed His blood for us and our salvation, is to be-- in their words--"an enthusiast." To explain such behavior, they compile erudite monographs about "cultic joy," "festal joy," and "eschatological joy."

But the joy that today's jubilant new convert has is no different from the joy that Jesus obviously had while He was ministering in

Galilee and elsewhere, and which He shared with His disciples. This kind of reveling cannot be compartmentalized. It suffuses the whole of existence and blows the dismal clouds of unbelief out to sea. By a miracle of grace the Holy Spirit continues to make it available to us today. It is not mere jolliness, although fun and laughter cannot be ruled out of the kingdom. What Jesus actually brought with Him from heaven was something more than a new start for humanity; it was a clear, bubbling, unpolluted delight in God and God's creation, His redemption, His new creation, and His promise of eternal life.

Quoted from Jesus, Man of Joy by Sherwood Wirt by permission of the author. Chapter Six: Religious Smog

May we always remember that Zephaniah declares that He rejoices over us with singing!

Teleconference Announcement



Ladies! Mark your calenders!

Sunday, September 24,
2006
9:00 AM CST

Our next scheduled For Women Only teleconference is coming up this very weekend.

This teleconference is open to all women who are coming into a *Torah* observant lifestyle who may be single, divorced, widowed or even married but whose spouse isn't yet interested.

Our discussion will follow the format below: **Introductions and Get Acquainted Time**

Discussion Time

Topic for the Day: Excuse me, Your Maturity is Showing!

Prayer Concerns and closing

To register for this month's teleconference, please contact us with your email address. We will send out a notice on Friday, prior to the conference, with the telephone number and PIN number to use to enter into this month's

discussion!

The time is short between this mailing and this teleconference so please check your email before Sunday morning.

About Us

Barbara L. Klika, MSW, LCSW, Personal Life Coach is a licensed mental health professional and founder of Set Apart Ministries, Inc., in practice since 1983 with an abiding interest in working with attachment/bonding and maturity issues for individuals, couples, and groups. She has been a congregational leader for over 20 years in several areas, including Bible Study and vocal and handbell choir direction. She is also a certified Bethel Bible Study teacher who has participated in serious study of the Word since



1993 through such organizations as Precepts Ministries and First Fruits of Zion. She has completed basic coaching training through MentorCoach, Inc. and will be continuing work toward an additional Masters degree in coaching. Barb has provided the clinical leadership in pursuing the Life Model group and individual teaching and processing emotional and maturity issues for the past 3 years. She offers her gifts of exhortation, discernment, intercession and prophecy to the Body of Messiah, both locally and in our extended community via telephone and the Internet.

Marilyn T. Guffey, lay counselor, Personal Life Coach. Marilyn had been a congregational leader in her home church for over 20 years, providing Bible study, worship opportunities and lay counseling for women in transition for most of that time. She has completed her basic coaching training through MentorCoach, Inc. Marilyn has been the coleader in the provision of group and individual teaching and processing emotional and maturity issues for the past 3 years. Marilyn is a serious student of the Word and has participated in and provided many Bible study opportunities, most recently with First Fruits of Zion and numerous additional Messianic Torah study materials. She thrives on offering her gifts of mercy, discernment, encouragement, intercession and helps and has a strong desire to support the Body of Messiah in growing in maturity and faith, both locally and in our extended community via telephone and the Internet.

Board Member (VP) and support person Janell Schroeder, BBA works professionally as a computer reports specialist for a very large transportation company. She has been instrumental in the founding of Set Apart Ministries, functioning as a support person for people going through trauma recovery. She has attended numerous training experiences in this area and has participated in the Life Model program since its beginning. Janell is a certified Bethel Bible study teacher as well as a certified Precepts Bible Study teacher. She has also been in leadership in her previous congregation as a member of church council and in Adult and Child Education She is currently working on her Bachelors Degree in Messianic Studies and plans to complete a Masters Degree through the Messianic Bible Institute Yeshiva. She brings her spiritual gifts of teaching and

helps to our home Set Apart Ministries Community.

Board Member, Secretary Treasurer: Robert Klika, BS Bob currently works professionally as a supervisor in the area of milk sanitation for the Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture. Bob has been a leader in previous congregations through service on church council as well as in men's ministries. He provides leadership in several areas of our home community, particularly in the areas of practical arrangements for gatherings, youth ministry and fun nights, and corporate prayer as well as keeping accounts and necessary organizational paper work. He completed his high school education in a Roman Catholic Seminary and has participated in Bible study since then through several studies, including the Bethel Bible Study series and Messianic Torah for the past 4 years through First Fruits of Zion and many additional supplemental materials.

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