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Encouragement from Set Apart Ministries

November, 2006

Shalom!

Here in Wisconsin, we are "battening down the hatches" for the winter season. By no means are we dampening our enthusiasm however!

It seems a very long time since our last newsletter because so much has been happening here. Is it the same for you in your communities?

First, we were blessed and strengthened by the teachings of Rebecca and Mark Totilo as they presented *Awakening the Bride* conference here this weekend.

It seems this message just isn't for large masses of people and our worship time just grew more sweet and intimate as the weekend progressed.

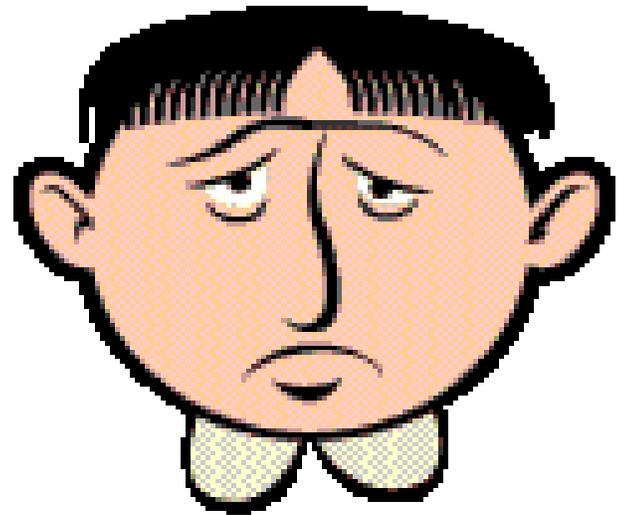
I have some thoughts to add to Mark's presentation on what it is like for men to be a part of the Bride of Messiah and will likely put that on the website in the next few weeks so check out our articles section in December!

On December 3, we host Eliezer Braun of [Shuva Israel](#). He has been sponsored here in the US by Gini and Kip Detry of Isaiah 40 Ministries and we are pleased to join with them to provide the opportunity for a presentation and question and answer session at the Brown County Central Library auditorium at 12:30 until 4:45 pm CST.

You can find out more about his organization's efforts to resettle Jewish people in Samara at his website in the quick links section here.

Our Messianic Leadership Concerns Teleconference was to be launched this week. We are in the final stages of editing the email introductory series with the help of our new member and office volunteer, Rebecca. Unfortunately, a computer

Don't Fence Me In!



And those who believed were together, and had all things in common (Acts 2:44 NASB).

We admire the First Century Believers and their desire to help one another, treating one another as family. I think it's something that we, as twenty-first century Believers also desire to attain. Oftentimes, though, confusion reigns. We sometimes feel that people are taking advantage of us. We may become frustrated and angry and then guilty because we think we should be joyfully helping others without limitation in order to fulfill our task as leaders.

As the world grows darker; as families become less functional and society no longer rewards maturity,

virus/worm has infected her computer which holds many personally valuable files as well as our mailing list.

Your prayers as we make the final preparations to offer this service to leaders across the country are much appreciated. You can sign up for the teleconference series at our website. You can also sign up to receive the six part email introduction as well.

This project is a part of the Leadership Concerns Survey we completed this past year for the Messianic Israel Alliance. It confirmed that a common need across all manner and sizes of Messianic groups was help to deal with interpersonal issues and concerns. May our Messiah be pleased as we make this assistance a reality by telephone all across the country!

One of our members, Marsha Van, has written a piece she calls *The Beam Parable* which we offer today as encouragement for all of us as we learn more about walking in Torah and being an exhorter of all those who also seek to please YHWH. This story was shown to her in a dream and she has found it challenging to find words that describe the beauty of our Father's House. Having her own heritage in Yehudah she has a heart to show Yeshua's Truths to those who carry unnecessary burdens.

You can begin the story here then follow the link to our Creativity Corner for the complete work. May Yeshua be honored in it!

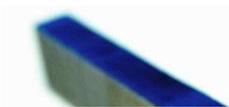
We have just completed another *Ha Yesod* class and hope to celebrate with the participants in the near future. Watching it again, I was reminded of the clear message Boaz Michaels gave that we are privileged to enter into the fullness of our heritage, not out of obligation but out of joy!

Until next time, Blessings to you and your house! (B.K.)

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The Beam Parable by Marsha Van



I was dressed in a long gown
that was wrapped in a *tallit*.
I walked out the door of my

more and more individuals come from a background that is less than exemplary. Many such people have been hurt in traditional church structures and are looking for better, more personal, warm relationships with Believers. People who have grown up in abusive --or even just neglectful--situations usually have few boundaries. Deep inside there are needs that have never been fulfilled. Oftentimes, when they come into a group of believers, they consider themselves entitled to receive help from the community, without regard for the impact their demands have on others.

"You are believers; you're supposed to help me!"

Even one or two such wounded people can quickly become overwhelming to a fellowship or congregation. I've seen leadership in congregations respond in several ways:

- give up and either tolerate inappropriate behavior or ask the person to leave
- become overburdened without recognizing what is happening
- refer such difficult, or needy people to one who has mercy gifts for individual support.

If the community delegates such care to too few individuals, they cannot be as effective as the whole community could be and all too often, they are at risk for burnout. (It is too easy for others to forget that the care giver needs support as they stand with hurting people.)

In September's newsletter, I discussed *Grace in Action* with wounded and traumatized people. One area noted was that of Boundaries in relationships. Beginning today, I will discuss more about this.

- What does the term "Boundary" mean in relationships?
- Are boundaries in relationships Scriptural?
- How do I tell what is an appropriate boundary from one that is not?

father's house to speak to three people I had seen walking in the garden at the edge of the fields. There was one woman and two men. They were dressed similar to me but did not have *tachelet* strands in the *tzitziyot* and one of the men wore a coat with many colors in it. I had not seen them in the garden before. They asked me to join them in prayer but stated that I must balance on the balls of my bare feet on a 1 by 4 while *davening*. I watched them as they wobbled and swayed while *davening*. They were all able to stay on the beam even though it was with obvious difficulty. I tried but couldn't seem to keep my balance on the beam for it was narrow and hurt my feet. I fell off several times and laughed. They were offended by my laughter but still allowed me to be in their company. I complimented them on their ability to stay on the beam. I wondered how they could pray, having to put so much attention on staying on the beam.

Because they had been courteous to me, I asked them if they would like to meet my father and come to our home. They gracefully accepted the invitation, insisting that they must bring their board with them. We made our way through the gardens to the house. We came to a mansion with many shining windows glistening through dense beautiful foliage that clung to trellises on the walls of the structure. We entered through a huge double door with olive trees, and doves ornately carved on its borders. In the center of the doors was a great menorah cast in gold that gleamed with an intense brightness.

To read the complete *Beam Parable*, please [click here](#).

Keeping Your Joy Full!

Weddings--love, anticipation, celebration, and JOY! Often they are times of seeing friends and relatives we haven't seen in some time. We feast together and toast the new bride and groom. Last weekend Set Apart Ministries enjoyed a conference on *Awakening His Bride* by Rebecca and Mark Totilo. It will be a time of joy as we learn how to prepare ourselves to be ready for the return of our Bridegroom. It is a



Those who are in the elder or parent stage of maturity need to have healthy boundaries in order to remain effective. They will also need to teach the boundary concepts to others.

What Are Boundaries?

Boundaries establish limits. Some boundaries are easy to see. People put up fences to establish property lines. On my property, it's a little harder to see as there are little metal stakes buried in the ground that establish the property lines. They're there but not as visible as a fence.

I have a friend who is currently going through a property line dispute. Years ago property lines were established between families by rocks, tree lines, creeks or whatever. Now, those property lines are in question. Proper boundaries were not established and marked in the beginning.

If I don't know where the fence line is, I don't know what I should take care of in my boundary. I may end up taking over my neighbor's yard or not taking care of what is my responsibility.

Boundaries define us. They define "what is me" and "what is not me." A boundary shows me where I end and someone else begins, leading me to a sense of ownership."

Knowing what I am to own and take responsibility for gives me freedom. If I know where my yard begins and ends, I am free to do with it what I like. Taking responsibility for my life opens up many difference options. However, If I do not "own" my life, my choices and options become very limited. (Quoted by permission from *Boundaries* by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend. Copyright 1992. Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49530)

With personal boundaries, I need to know where my and others' responsibilities lie. I would not expect an infant to feed and dress himself in the same way that I would expect a 5-year old to do. My expectations of a 12-year old are different than from a 5-year old. Children must be taught what is

time of anticipation as we await His return. It a time to grow in love for our Messiah as we learn more about Him. When our Bridegroom returns, those who are prepared will enter in and celebrate and feast. What joy we will have! I want to be ready, how about you?!

Teleconferences



Get our your red markers! Find your yellow highlighter Unbury your calendar!

- Sunday, November 26, 2006
9:00 AM CST

"For Women Only" teleconference

We have only about five days between this announcement and the date. Please

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: Coping with Holiday Challenges and Family Matters

Prayer Concerns and closing

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

Plant & Grow a Strong Messianic Fellowship Teleconference

Registration for this teleconference series opens this month. Here is an opportunity for those who provide leadership in a Messianic community, even if it's only two other people! Just as we have done at MIA conferences, we are now offering the same kind of open forum to discuss difficult relationships,

and is not appropriate and acceptable behavior.

>In the book *Boundaries*, Drs. Cloud and Townsend write: *We are responsible to others and for ourselves.* They point out in Galatians 6:2 we are told to carry one another's burden. This is being responsible to one another. When people do not have the resources or strength to deal with their burdens, they need help.

Galatians 6:5 tells us *Each one should carry His own load.* These are things that only we can do for ourselves. We should not expect others to carry what we can do for ourselves.

Is Keeping Boundaries Scriptural?

The ultimate example of boundaries is the Torah itself. In it Elohim gives us His teachings to follow and what to avoid. We know these boundaries are for our good. YHWH Himself says, *For it is not a worthless Word for you, because it is your life* (Deut. 32:47a *The Scriptures*). Torah was not meant for us to earn salvation but that we may walk in righteousness and peace. When the nation of Israel failed to keep Torah boundaries, they fell into idolatry and ultimately, the curses of disobedience.

From the beginning, we see Elohim establishing boundaries with His people. Adam and Chavah were told they could eat of every tree in the Garden of Eden except one. When they broke that boundary, they received consequences for their sin--death and separation from YHWH

YHWH also gave boundaries for marriage. In Genesis 2:24 (*The Scriptures*) we read, *For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.* Husbands and wives begin their own family and parents need to respect those boundaries.

We also find Yeshua keeping boundaries in His walk on earth. He knew when He needed to have time alone with His Father and went off to pray. He chose 12 men out of all His disciples with whom He was close. Out of those 12 He chose 3 with whom

conflict resolution, anger management, and so forth by providing consultation by telephone conference calling. We will screen all participants and attempt to place people in groups with similar fellowship size or structure to make questions more relevant for all involved. Give us a call if you'd like more information, or go to our website and look for the banner link on the home page.

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

He was especially close. Not everyone was able to hear everything He had to teach. He had special times of teaching with those whom He knew He would be sending out into the world after He returned to His Father.

How do I tell what is an appropriate boundary from one that is not appropriate?

When wounded souls enter our communities, even as adults, they may not understand appropriate boundaries.

Here's an example: Your phone rings at 11:00 p.m. and you've just fallen asleep. Heart pounding, you answer the phone saying a tentative, "Hello?" A voice comes on the other end, "Hi, whatcha doin'? I have a question to ask you."

Slowly your heart calms down as you try to wake up and you ask what's going on. "Well, I was just wondering..."

What would your answer be in this situation? I believe telemarketers use this strategy in their sales techniques. Some people don't want to be impolite and will stay on the phone. What they don't realize is that the telemarketers are crossing over their boundaries.

One of the most difficult things for me when I first began my ministry years ago was to realize that some questions did not need to be answered immediately. It felt mean to say, "We'll have to talk about this tomorrow. I'm in bed right now and need to sleep." After some time of receiving late-night phone calls, I came to realize that unless it was an emergency, I needed my sleep. I began to tell people the hours that I would receive phone calls. There are times of emergency when we need to get out of bed and deal with problems, just as we do with children. There are times when we need to set a boundary and not respond immediately.

Emotionally wounded or immature people do not always have a sense of what are appropriate times to call someone.

This is just one example. If you are a people helper, you will probably be able to think of other

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.

examples.

People who do not understand appropriate boundaries may well interpret boundary setting behavior as impolite or rude. When this is the case, the helper must know how to stand firm in love and kindness, maintaining the boundary.

As believers in Messiah, our desire is to teach others to walk in righteousness--teach them, not do for them! We teach children to walk by first holding their hands and eventually they walk on their own. At first we establish tight guidelines and boundaries within a certain perimeter. Eventually, we will teach them to cross the street, ride a bike and drive a car. The day comes when they go out the door to college or marriage and are on their own. They will make some mistakes and perhaps some poor choices.

- We deprive people of valuable lessons if we try to protect them from all the consequences of their actions. Overprotection would be one example of a poor boundary.

Next month we'll continue with our discussion of boundaries. (M.G.)

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