

Accepting the Call

“Avoid Being Shaken Out”

I. SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 3:5-6 – “Trust in EL-YAHUAH [the LORD] with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.”

II. THE CALL FOR 2021 – YOUR FAITH STRETCHED

“As I prayed today, I began to intercede in the Spirit. The words GO, GO, GO came from my mouth over and over again. There is about to be a GREAT RUN [a race] released on the remnant of God! No longer will our feet be stuck to the ground, but after this glorious birth (in the Spirit) there will be a GREAT RUN! The Lord is about to release the shackles from His bride’s feet, the feet of His people.”

“Get Ready, Get Set, and GO! We will have a short time to move our feet quickly and get in step with the Holy Spirit. Are you ready to run today, dear brothers & sisters?”

“There is a shaking. The wheat and tares will be quickly known. But the fishers are coming. The fishers of wo/men are hearing. The ones who will turn the world upside down are about to give birth to the glorious fire of God and then they will RUN!”

“Listen with your *spiritual* ears for the gun to announce the Race! It is coming. Like days of old, dreams will tell you where to go and how to go. Other disciples will show you what’s next. Prophets will be heard loud and clear for instructions. The miraculous will take place. The remnant will have fire under our feet and in our mouths. Things you have never seen and don’t understand will start to transpire.”

“Being ready for the run requires stretching first, as a runner prepares for the race ahead. The new wine skins need expanded and stretched to hold this glory that had never been seen before. That’s what you’re feeling: the stretching. All the things that the Holy Spirit is telling you *now* seem to be too much at once because you are being stretched!”

“We have told of this time, this new wine, these new wine skins. Many of us have wanted it, but the time was not yet. However, the time will soon be a reality. Listen! And come in close to the Holy Spirit.”

“Get ready to RUN! To run like David as he went toward Goliath! Run! Run in the name of the Lord of Host! Run! Yes, run and take off the head of the giants before you! It’s about to be GO TIME! Who is on the Lord’s side today?”¹ Remember, that a time has been foretold, that “he [or she] who is unjust, let [them] be unjust still; [they] who [are] filthy, let [them] be filthy still; [but, they] who [are] righteous, let [them] be righteous still; [they] who [are] holy, let [them] be holy still.” (Revelation 22:11)

Every one within listening distance today is being called, whether you want to believe it or not. The warning light is on! It’s about to be GO TIME! Think about what you have been through recently! And, where you your life is are today! Consider now: are you in *anticipation*, or in *apprehension* of the new year ahead? Take a minute now to reflect on how YAHUSHA [Jesus] has been trying to talk with you lately. Have you heard His voice yet? Are you hearing His voice today? I pray you are!

I know that some of you are being called to a new commitment to Jesus through a call to baptism. I know that some of you are being called to begin repairing, to begin building relationships within your family, in the church and at home. But, I know, too, that some of you are still waiting to hear His voice... His knocking on your door... His still small voice... His special call to you.

III. ACCEPT YAHUSHA [Jesus]’s CALL & BE SECURE OF YOUR STEPS INTO 2021

1. STEP 1: BE SURE TO GET TO KNOW YAHUSHA [Jesus] SO YOU’LL STOP SINNING

LOVE IS FOUNDATION OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YAHUSHA [Jesus]: He says, “if you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Comforter), that He may abide with you forever— the RUACH EMETH [Spirit of Truth], whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.” YAHUSHA [Jesus] has promised you: “I will not leave you orphans; [but] I will come to you.” (John 14:16-18).

Let me tell you about a true love story: A little over 20 years ago, I know someone who fell head over heels over his wife. Because of that, he just couldn't stop talking with her... and about her. So, you can say that it was his love for and relationship with her that made it easy for him to tell others about her, right?

¹ “The Race is About to Begin”, Dawn Baker, *Gods Heart Carriers*, by Danaye Franek, Accessed 12/26/2020, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/409590496479392/permalink/923535751751528>

I think it's the same thing about going out and evangelizing – which means telling others about YAHUSHA [Jesus], don't you? If we're in love like this guy is, we just can't help but to talk to everyone whom we can, starting with those with whom we are in contact with each day... we want to tell them about the good news in our life. After we have fallen head over heels for Jesus, it's easy to talk about Him, to others, isn't it? We do that in person, through social media, over the phone, or however, whenever we can. We're not afraid! Why? Because we know that not everyone is going to love their wife as this guy does, but he just can't stop talking about his good news. And so, it's the same with YAHUSHA [Jesus]. Not everyone is going to love Him as much as I do, but that doesn't bother me, nor will it change my love for Him, or my relationship with Him. I just keep talking, and talking more about Him to everyone who will listen, because I just can't help myself.

A love relationship with YAHUSHA [Jesus] is the very beginning in our doing our part as YAHUSHA [Jesus] calls to us to **“Go! therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all things that [He has] commanded you.”** (Matthew 28:19-20a) But, we are hindered in doing this. And why? It's because we don't very much love anyone else like we love ourselves. But we do love ourselves, don't we? If there is ever a picture of perfection, of knowing it all... then all the other people in the church, everybody in my family, and the world, for that matter, need to understand that a genuine know-it-all, and listen to me. Right? Wrong! This attitude, dear brothers and sister, is exactly where your relationship with YAHUSHA [Jesus] begins to break apart. And, this becomes the major reason for your *being shaken out of the Body of MESSIAH [Christ]*. You may think you know what is right, but “there is a way that seems right to a [person], but it ... is the way of death.” (Proverbs 14:12)

2. **STEP 2: LOVE & FORGIVE EACH OTHER SO YOUR STEPS FORWARD WILL BE SECURE**

Consider now for a moment how you think about the other people that you know within the church... your family... and the community. Do you sometimes find them annoying? Maybe, you feel that they don't treat you right? Maybe, you think that their belief system is all wrong. And... if they would only listen to you, and agree with you... agree with your point of view, your ideology, your politics, your religion, your whatever... then it would be okay between you and them. But remember this, that it is written:

“She who says she is in the light, and hates her sister is in darkness until now. [But] he who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he [or she] who hates his [or her] brother [or sister], is in darkness and walks in darkness, and DOES NOT KNOW WHERE [THEY ARE] GOING, because the darkness has blinded [their] eyes.” (1 John 2:9-11)

So, forgive others so you can be forgiven, and your relationship with YAHUSHA [Jesus] will remain secure. So, do as He YAHUSHA [Jesus] say: pray for, and love your everyone, including your enemies. **“For if you forgive [others] their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive [others] their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” (Matthew 6:14-15) And so then, if you hold grudges toward others, how do you think your relationship with your Savior will be? I’ll tell you: if you do not forgive every one of them, then YAHUSHA [Jesus] is no longer your Savior, because your sins remain unforgiven.**

Some of you are considering taking on a new job, or a new project, or getting yourself something new in the new year. Particularly in this situation, please remember to ask YAHUSHA [Jesus] what *He* wants you to do? After you ask, the time that follows is the time to “shut up”, and begin to hear Him speak to you. You won’t be able to hear Him if you’re doing all the talking, telling Him what you desire, rather than listening, and waiting for Him to tell you what He is calling you to do. Yes, he is prepared to tell you what to do with your life... what to do with your resources... but He is wanting you to wait! And Trust Him! Rather than trusting your own judgment. For He know what the right steps forward are for you. If it seems that He is delaying His answer to you, then pay particular attention to whether you have taken these first two (2) steps, in a real, heartfelt way. For:

“... by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemns us, YAHUAH [God] is greater than our heart, and knows all things. [So,] beloved, if [your] heart does not condemn [you], [you] have confidence toward ELOHIYM [God]. And [then], whatever [you] ask [you] receive from Him, because [you] keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son YAHUSHA HA’MQASHIACH [Jesus Christ] and love one another, as He gave us commandment. [And so] now [they] who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in [them]. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the RUACH [Spirit] whom He has given us. (1 John 3:19-24)

3. STEP 3: HATE THE THINGS OF THE WORLD SO YOUR EYES WILL TURN TO HEAVEN

So now, “do not love the world or the things in the world. If [you] love the world, the love of the Father is not in [you]. For all that 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 the lust of it; but he who does the will of YAHUAH [God] abides forever. (1 John 2: 15-17)

So yes, dear brothers and sisters... If you are in MESSIAH [Christ]... if your heart is right before YAHUAH [God], Who knows all things, then you can have full confidence toward Him that whatever you ask from Him, you will receive from Him! You do NOT receive, because you do not ask with a pure heart! (James 4:2b)

If there anyone here now who wants to commit to taking these first three (3) steps, who wants to hear Jesus’ personal call to prepare for 2021 ... or... maybe there are some here who feel that that have already heard His call, and have either already taken or have started to take these first three (3) steps... then you are invited to a special service tonight at the church, at 6 o’clock (our local time). Because tonight, we will be taking the next steps in our relationship with Him, so that we will be fully equipped... we will be “Ready” and “Set”... to “GO” forward, boldly into 2021, because we will know that YAHUAH [God’ is with us. Tonight, we will take the next steps together: We will:

4. STEP 4: ASK FOR THE RUACH HA’QODESH [Holy Spirit]

5. STEP 5: ASK THE RUACH HA’QODESH [Holy Spirit] FOR GIFTS TO EQUIP US

6. STEP 6. SEEK RELEASE FROM OUR CAPITIVITY TO SIN, TO THE WORLD, and we will

7. STEP 7. SEEK ADDITIONAL GIFTS THAT WILL FOLLOW IN OUR NEW FREEDOM IN HIM!

IV. CLOSING (Stand boldly with me now if you are committed to YAHUAH [Jesus] today)

Dear Father, I ask you now: “where do the battles and fights come from among us? In our church? In our families? In our communities? Don’t they not come from our desires for the pleasure that at war in us? We lust, don’t we? And so, we do not have what we ask, isn’t that right? We murder others with our opinions and gossip toward them, don’t we? We covet *stuff*, don’t we? This is why we cannot obtain the jobs, all the things, the stuff we ask for, because are seeking our own way, aren’t we?

Yes, dear Father, we wage battle and war, and we fight!... yet we do not conquer, we do not have... because we do not ask you with the right heart, huh? We ask and do not receive, because we ask amiss, so that we might spend what we ask for on our own pleasures, huh? Help us now, we pray, to realize that friendship with the world is enmity with YAHUAH [God]. Help us to realize now that whoever wants to be a friend of the world and desires worldly things, makes himself or herself an enemy of YAH [God]. Help us today, before our 6 pm service, to realize that the RUACH [Spirit] who dwells in us yearns jealously for us, that we would give ourselves totally over to You. Help us to realize that you, dear Father, dear YAHUSHA [Jesus] want to give us more of your mercy and grace.

So, help us now, we pray, to submit ourselves totally, 100% to You now, so that we can resist the devil and he will flee from us. Help us to draw near to you, so that You will draw near to us. Please cleanse our hands, for we are sinners. Please purify our hearts, for we are double-minded. Please help us to humble ourselves in your sight, and please lift us up.

Please help us now not to speak evil of each other. For who are we to judge? Help us to focus on ourselves, today and everyday going forward. For we don't really know what will happen to us today or tomorrow, for we are but a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. We desire now to have a secure walk forward in You. From now on, dear Father, we agree that when we ask you for what we think is best for us, that we will ask you as your Son YAHUSHA [Jesus] asked You, who added in His prayer to You: "not my will, but Thine be done". (Luke 22:42)

So now dear Father, please go with each of us now. Please send your Helper, the Comforter promised by your Son YAHUSHA [Jesus], the RUACH HA'QODESH [Holy Spirit], to go with us now. If you have a special calling for us today, then please have the Helper guide us today, and back to this place tonight so that we can receive Your mercy, hear your call, and receive the spiritual gifts that you desire to bestow upon us.

Thank you for hearing our prayer now, dear Father. All this we ask in the name of your precious Son, YAHUSHA [Jesus], Who expended Himself willingly and fully on the cross for each one of us here today.

Amen.

(Closing Prayer based on James 4)