

In Whose Shoes Do We Best Fit?

“And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom [government] of YHWH.” -Luke 9:59,60

In other words, which is more important ...*per the Messiah Himself?*

Are we preaching the gospel (which means good news) of the kingdom (government) of YHWH? If so, are we preaching an excitement and loyalty to it, leading *by example*? Or are we encouraging people to stand for our Father’s kingdom, by prodding them with a stick from behind, not yet having made the move to His kingdom ourselves? Think hard on that one my brethren, as many out there are trying to do just that and prod others from the back with a stick, and then they sit back frustrated and even often panic-stricken, wondering why their loved ones don’t also see how serious the issues of purity and jurisdiction really are!

Are we willing to suffer with our brethren even if that means making bricks without straw if we have to? ...or are we afraid that switching to the other side might become too uncomfortable for us should we be found guilty of desertion by today’s hi-tech Egyptian slave masters?

Are we fearlessly trusting in the Father, begging for mercy in His promise of salvation for the truly faithful? ...or are we foolishly yet holding on to dear life to the pant leg of the one waving the gun of tyranny over our heads, begging for *his* mercy? We have to ask ourselves at that point, “Who do we ‘serve’?”

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? -Romans 6:16

Are we afraid of losing something dear to us, if we should “switch sides”? If so, is that something or someone more precious to us than YHWH and His kingdom in our hearts? And if we lag behind in our decision for Yeshua’s coming kingdom, wanting desperately to instead hold on to an unsaved loved one or two, what good will that do if we have not first stood the test ourselves to gain Father’s favor, to then help win the deeper heart of that loved one? The unsaved will never see you as being truly motivated by and devoted to the choice you say is so wonderful if you can’t do so yourself, and therefore he or she will likely never change, where you may both then perhaps be lost. Who wins in that one but satan?!?

Are we therefore more technically working for satan, in preaching a great and mighty kingdom of eternal freedom and bliss, but still living in the world, letting satan keep us in lukewarm areas where YHWH cannot help us? Shall we just continue to let the devil have spiritual power and jurisdiction over both us and those we want to see saved, letting it all fall for naught into satan’s snare of indecision just because others refuse to change *with* us ... waiting on them, perhaps hoping that their agreement with us will help give us the courage to do so ourselves?

Its like saying to a friend, “*Here, drink this scary-looking potion and you’ll live forever.*” And the friend says, “*No, you drink first, I don’t believe you.*” But you are afraid to drink first to show him your own faith in this drink. Would he then ever drink from the cup you’re prodding him to drink from?

Is this not why Yeshua Himself said to the disciples, “... *Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?*”*
-Matthew 20:22

Neither you nor your friend want to drink of that scary potion. The scary part of course, is not knowing what the wicked world will do to you should they find out that you have ‘switched sides’. You want others to do so (*as you want everyone that you know and love to be saved from this evil world with you...*), but you yourself do not have the faith or courage to drink from the same cup to get it started, where many often get frustrated, and even instead berate and criticize the offering cupbearer who has already switched sides, rather than admit that perhaps it is come to your turn to do likewise, in the responsible faith that you may have already been boastfully claiming to have had for years, for your Messiah, and your brethren.

How do we reach such people where they might actually see that their very souls and hearts are about to discover these pains and horrors any day now, and in ways that we would not even wish on our worst enemies? Do we want such a fate ourselves, especially when others don’t seem to want to even listen to us? ...even if they are close loved ones and spouses? What does the Bible tell us about the most serious of ties in such cases, the marriage?:

But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. (13) And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. (14) For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. (15) But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace. (16) For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife? (17) But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.

-1 Corinthians 7:12-17

We are to follow Yeshua even if our spouses are against it (being then un-pleased to dwell with us), yet keep them if they are “pleased to dwell with you”, and this *after* your decision to better your life, as the impenitent one will surely fight to nip it in the bud, knowing that being one flesh, the pressure will be greater on them if the other shows no sign of faltering.

Did Peter falter in his moment to drink of that cup with His Messiah? Did he not deny His savior when his moment of truth came? It was out of his fear that others would discover his alliance with Yeshua, that Peter denied that he was a part of Yeshua’s envoy. How many of

* Baptism is basically the symbolic act of making your public confession of having irreversibly chosen to “switch sides” to YHWH’s kingdom (jurisdiction) from that of satan’s world. When Peter said, “Repent and be baptized every one of you” (Acts 2:38), this was an instruction that would traverse all ages, and one that was not just some ceremonious ritual as one might merely put flowers on a wedding cake to top it off, but it was a stern instruction to make a clear and pronounced (not quietly done in some dark corner somewhere) public statement of a change in faith, professing who we trust in, to be fearlessly done as our first act of faith upon becoming subjects of our new King of kings, unafraid that it might be echoed in a kingdom sense again here today [“save yourselves from this untoward generation”, Acts 2:40], where we are again being called in a lawful and Spiritual sense of decision (see Joel 3:14) to repent of our satanic, worldly ways and ties, and wash ourselves clean in the jurisdictional Spirit of YHWH and His Son’s authority and grace over us, Yeshua being King of kings in every sense, being both Authority “Lord” and grace “Messiah” as in Acts 2 verse 36, just two verses previous.

us are now also denying our Savior and brethren in this world today, pretending as Peter did that we “*don’t know Him*” (or more precisely in our case today...) “*conveniently don’t understand what He has called us to do*”, becoming “willfully ignorant” when it is more fearful for us? Are we not then helping Herod to continue to condemn and crucify those who are more honorably already faithfully standing for our “perfect law of liberty” for us?

Are we ourselves dutifully standing in such faith? Which of us are doing as Yeshua, having sacrificed His own comfort out of a love for His brethren, and who are being as Peter and fleeing, or maybe even as Judas and “murmuring against” those who are loving enough and willing enough to take the beatings for us all as Yeshua did? In whose shoes do we best fit?

They had similarly abandoned Paul the apostle in such a way when he was near his last moments as well (see 2 Tim 4:6-11). What is it about the ‘old nature’ of man, that he so fearfully runs from the strongest among them and holds on for dear life to a temporal hell-like existence, rather than lunge forward in the faith and promise of a better life, especially when these very same believers so loudly proclaim such a strong faith in their Savior and “King of kings” in easier moments of expressing YHWH’s joy and glory? Are they not singing the praises in a mere “form of godliness”, but then deny that YHWH truly has the power to take care of them? Should such less-trusting vessels be welcomed into our assemblies? ...

“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.” -2 Timothy 3:5

Will these folks stay covenantally tied to the beast for all eternity? Will they continue to live in such fear and denial till it is far too late to repent, having already killed the messenger perhaps not unlike Judas in his betrayal? ...or will they immediately run off and weep bitterly in remorse, repenting all the more and submitting to a greater faith, that they might not perish in such heartache along with the multitudes of the fearful of the world?

Why did Judas hang himself? Why did Peter weep bitterly? Why deny Him, His kingship and kingdom in the first place? Why on all of these? Because we have yet to possess the Holy Spirit in its fullness to comfort us in facing such things, which is why we must bite that bullet and step away from satan so that YHWH can see that we are not denying His power of promise and salvation. We will never find the full strength to live such lives, if we have yet to make that full commitment in our hearts, so that Acts 5:32 could also work for those we know and love, who we otherwise have not been able to convince that they should join us.

If we don’t preach this kingdom of YHWH, and by example, then will the heathen do it for us? Who do we really think is supposed to make this happen? We are being called by the wisest Father in the universe to be responsible children for our own freedom and peace. That is, if we really want it.

*“Repent, and be baptized [switch sides] every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins [offenses against YHWH’s law system], and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”
-Acts 2:38*

*The just shall live by faith!
May all of you be strong in your faith, rather than as Peter or Judas, in YHWH I pray,
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