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Wish You Had Been There

Every time I have a significant conversation with a Jewish person, or any person for that matter, I leave thinking, *"I wish everyone could be with me when these conversations happen."* It's very difficult to describe the feeling when I am "in the zone" talking to someone about Jesus. I am overwhelmed and beyond blessed when it happens.

I know it is not me speaking, it is God. **He speaks through His vessels as we make ourselves available to Him.** What a joy it is! I will be honest, after over 30 years doing street ministry I don't always know what I am going to say, but the words always arrive right on time. God will intervene, bring a stranger across my path, or just lead me to a person. Divine appointments. They remind me why I was put here on this planet. **This summer has been filled with outreach and those amazing, God appointed, divine "moments."**

Israelis flock to Myrtle Beach in the summer to work at the beach shops which are, for the most part, owned by Israelis. I can't go through the entire list of people with whom I spoke. I took a friend with me to learn, listen, and engage with me. Following is a brief synopsis of our Myrtle Beach and New York outreaches

Our first sharing adventure was



with a Muslim couple from Pakistan. They were sitting on the beach in full Muslim dress. God was telling me, "Also to the Gentile...!"

At the first beach shop we met a Jewish man who couldn't talk and invited us back. We told him who we were and never saw him again. But he heard the message!

At the second beach shop we met Naima from Morocco. She wanted a New Testament in Arabic and English. We didn't have one but went back to our hotel and downloaded the gospel in Arabic. We also went to a Christian bookstore and picked up some New Testaments. We went back to visit her later. She was thrilled to get some information and learn more about Jesus!

At the third beach shop we met Miriam, a woman from Israel. Not only did we share Jesus with her, but also gave her a Hebrew/English New Testament. Others had

shred Jesus with her in the past. She was open, talkative, and asked many questions. I know that the Lord led us to Miriam and pray that He will open her eyes to His truth.

At the fourth beach shop we met Sagi and Elait, both Israelis. Elait was a middle aged Jewish lady. **I shared with her about Jesus and Old Testament prophecies.** I challenged her to read what the prophets say about the coming of Messiah.

Elait was her 20 something son. **I spoke to him about coming tribulation in Israel.** He listened intently as I asked him to consider Jesus as Messiah. I explained that he would need Messiah during the time of tribulation if it comes in his lifetime. I know he heard what I said.

There was a kosher restaurant (Jerusalem Restaurant pictured above) where we ate lunch and shared Messiah with 6 Jewish people over the course of three days. Their names were Benny, Hannah, Ari, Kobi, Sarah, and David. All of them were open to talk to us about spiritual issues and about the current political climate in Israel.

In New York City I spoke to Jewish people in the subways, on the street, at the baseball All Star Game, and prayed with a young man who was raised Catholic to give his life to Jesus. I was yelled at, cussed at, and told where to go. I

was also embraced and engaged.

I met Kenny at the corner of 59th and 5th Avenue. He was sitting on a wall outside of the Apple Store. **Jewish and an atheist, he initially didn't want to talk to me.** But after a few minutes he opened up. I listened as he told me about his failed marriage, his unemployment, and his four children, one of whom is disabled. He has a job now and life is looking up for him...slightly. Kenny impressed me as a very smart man; life has just thrown him some very tough curve balls. **He asked me why there is evil in the world. We talked. I shared my hope with him. My hope in Messiah Jesus.** He listened and told me he would consider.

I spoke to Shmulie, an Orthodox Jewish young man; initially angry with Jesus and with me. He accused Jesus of many horrible things and accused me of being evil. The scriptures say that a gentle answer will turn away wrath; and it did! As I listened to Shmulie I spoke with understanding and kindness. His hostile demeanor and angry countenance softened.

Shmulie listened to me as I told him how much God loves our people and Israel. I explained that because of His love He will judge us to bring about restoration. As I acknowledged Shmulie's attempt to live the Law of Moses I also explained that it was impossible; and that our people fall very short. Before I left this young man, rather than shaking his hand I extended my elbow in "elbow bump" fashion. He responded in kind. I praised God for the opportunity.

I had an engaging conversation with a Hasidic (ultra-religious) Jewish man in Bryant Park in New York City named Dov. He told me that he was, "not interested in dis-



cussing religion." I told him that I didn't want to discuss religion with him either. I did ask if he would give me some time to tell me what he thought about Israel, God, and the Messiah.

We had a fifteen-minute conversation. **Dov explained how his sect of religious Jewish people is waiting expectantly for Messiah to come and establish his kingdom.** He sees everything happening in the world today as a part of the coming of Messiah. I didn't even mention Jesus to him because the conversation was for me to listen. Not talk. But he knew that I believed in Jesus. That was enough.

What have I learned this summer as I have shared Jesus with my people in Myrtle Beach, New York City, and here in Atlanta? **I have learned that God will use me wherever I go as long as I make myself available.**

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God is at work in the lives of Jewish people. **More Jewish people are asking questions and pondering Jesus than ever before.**

Jewish people are generally concerned about what is happening in the world regarding the Jewish community and Israel. **Their concern translates into listening to the Gospel. We need to take the opportunity now to share Jesus.** The time is short.

The stories can go on. I wish you could have been with me. I hope this letter gives you a feeling of being a part of it all. I will continue to keep you engaged through my writing.

SOCIAL NETWORKING

I have never been much of a "social networker" however I am using Facebook and Twitter to give real time updates on our ministry and share my thoughts. **If you use Facebook or Twitter please hop onto our ministry page at Light of Messiah (Facebook) and add us as a "like" or @murraytilles (Twitter).** [Pass our ministry on to your friends.](#)

THANK YOU!

Thank you for helping us take Jesus back to the Jewish people. They have given us so much. They need Him.

As we continue our work I am sure that God will continue to send Jewish people our way. We are here for them because of your faithful support. May the Lord richly bless you!

In His service,

Murray Tilles...for the staff
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