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FEAR

The world is gripped by uncertainty. Turmoil in Egypt, geopolitical tension, worldwide economic insecurity, pressure from the onslaught of the media and technological information, and stress in the family, can combine to drive the strongest person to experience fear and anxiety. No one is immune. The Lord exhorted Israel, *“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.”* (Isaiah 41:10) Yet, fear is natural to man.

Our ministry is, interestingly enough, positively affected from the fear that grips the hearts and lives of many today. We are positively affected from a spiritual perspective. **When fear of the future becomes most intense people begin to search, look for answers, and ponder the brevity of life.** Retirement seems much closer than it did before the crash of our financial markets a few years ago. Now many wonder how they are going to fund their future. College races towards those with teenagers as we realize the cost of education is going up, while college savings is going down. **Many are asking, “What are we going to do?”, “How are we going to survive?”, “What is going to happen?”**

So how exactly does the current geopolitical and economic situation affect our ministry to the Jewish community? **Jewish people, like many others, are afraid, asking serious questions about life, and pondering their future. Jewish people need Jesus.** The knowledge of coming tribulation motivates Israelis to listen to the Gospel. No matter what is happening in the world around us our ministry is focused on taking the message of Jesus back to the community through whom He came. The Jewish



people have a special place in God’s heart and plan. **We are talking to Jewish people about hope, comfort, and peace, that can be found only in Him.**

Fear has characteristics, most of which, if looked at from the proper perspectives, are positive. It is only when we allow fear to paralyze us, that fear becomes negative and destructive. Let’s think about fear for a moment.

Fear Is Not From God

In the midst of the most difficult circumstances of life we are promised, by God, that He will never leave or forsake us. **Scripture tells us that we have not been given the spirit of fear but of a sound and sober mind.** It is easy, as Peter did while walking on the stormy water towards Jesus, to look at circumstances and begin to sink. **However, when we keep our gaze focused on the One who gave His life for us and is there to carry us through trying times, the fear goes away.**

Jesus told us to look at the lilies of the field and the sparrows, and to observe that they are fed and clothed. We are much more important to Him than flowers and birds! How much more

will He feed and clothe us? Jesus said that in this world we would have trouble but in the same sentence He said that He has overcome the world. **Jewish people need to know that Jesus is the ultimate provider.**

Fear Is Contagious

When we observe fear in others it is easy to become gripped by that same fear ourselves. Just recently, as the supply of guns and ammunition began to dwindle to nothing after the Connecticut school shooting I watched couples on dates lining up to purchase any gun they could find to conceal carry. Neither had shot a gun before in their lives. I am certainly not arguing against the right to own a gun, but reflecting on the fear that motivated many of the purchases. Rather than remembering the promises of God, we succumb to the temptation to join others in that fear. **It is easy to allow worldly perspectives to blind us to the truths that are ours in Messiah Jesus.**

Though all of us are struggling with unknown geopolitical and financial times ahead, we need to fight the tendency to respond as the world does. Though fear is contagious we do not have to be gripped by it. **Jewish people need to know that though circumstances change and can sometimes be troublesome, God loves them, is constant, and never changes.**

Fear Deepens Our Faith and Drives Us To God

When faced with uncertainty and difficult circumstances we need to run to our only source of hope, sustenance, and comfort. The difficult circumstances of life will produce in us more faith, hope,

and strength, if we seek the Lord in them.

God will use our weaknesses and our tendencies toward fear to not only build in us more faith, but to allow His power to shine through us. **As we approach uncertain times with hope and faith, others will see Him in us.** Jesus said that He came to give us peace. His peace is not as the world gives.

Our faith cannot be in the temporal things of life. They disappear quickly. Our peace comes from knowing the promises of God and resting in them. **Jewish people need to see that we have hope, faith, and strength, even in difficult times. They need to see that our peace is rooted in the Jewish Messiah Jesus, our shalom.**

Fear Gives Opportunity

Fear is a motivator. It motivates people to search and should motivate us to share. Our ministry has been given more opportunities to share Jesus with Jewish people because of the current economic and geopolitical crisis. People always have spiritual needs. However, those needs become much more pronounced when life gets difficult.

Oftentimes when life is good, spiritual needs are in the background. When life becomes difficult or scary, those needs come to the foreground. **God uses earthly challenges and difficulties to draw people to Himself.**

Our ministry is sharing the gospel with Jewish people. **My people are asking more profound questions as they struggle through life.** Finances are strained, marriages are struggling, children are rebellious, the future is uncertain. **It is difficult enough to face the challenges of life with Jesus. Can you imagine facing the challenges of life without Him? Jewish people need to hear...Jesus is for them.**

The opportunities are there. We are taking advantage of them...without fear. Please keep us in your prayers as we step out with the message of Messiah Jesus!



Apple Tarts

Our most exciting and effective outreach is quickly approaching and this outreach involves you! Our LaShana Tova Tart Outreach (Apple and Honey Tart) will take place the week before Rosh Hashanah (August 29th– September 4th).

A **LaShana Tova Tart** is freshly baked with apples, honey, and almonds, just for your Jewish friend. They are beautiful. You may order them through our ministry. **We are encouraging you to pick up and deliver your tart yourself.** It is a great way to deepen your relationship with your Jewish friends.

Order your Apple and Honey Tart by calling our office (credit card orders only), **order online at our web site**, or send \$25.00 per tart to our P.O. Box made payable to Light of Messiah. Orders must be in by August 5th.

You can be a blessing to someone who cannot afford to purchase a tart by making an extra donation this month in support of our Jewish New Year Outreach.

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2013-2014 Messianic Calendars

We are again carrying Messianic Calendars to help you keep track of the Jewish holidays, pray for the Jewish people, and learn about the Jewish roots of our faith as believers in Jesus. This year we are again supporting a Messianic ministry in Israel by using their calendars.

If you desire to celebrate the Jewish holidays in your home, or want to pray for the Jewish people, this calendar is invaluable. They make beautiful gifts as well.

Call our office to order one by phone (credit card orders), **order online at www.lightofmessiah.org**, or send \$14.00 per calendar to our P.O. Box made payable to **Light of Messiah Ministries.**

If you do not have my book “Devoted to Israel” now is a great time to purchase one. Order one with a calendar and pray for Israel and the Jewish people.

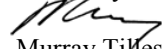
Remember our ministry and the Jewish community as the fall Jewish holidays approach.

Thank You!

We will not be paralyzed by fear. There are so many opportunities that God is giving to us. There are so many Jewish people who are searching, asking questions, and looking for answers.

Thank you for standing with us in our efforts to reach Jewish people with the message of Jesus. Your prayers and financial support help to make our ministry possible.

Gratefully in Him,


Murray Tilles

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