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...Bringing Jesus to the Jewish People

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Be My Shadow

I wish you could be my shadow for a week. Or two. Or three.

I wish you could follow me into a nursing home to visit an elderly Jewish resident. Or sit in on a meeting with a Jewish college student asking spiritual questions.

I wish you could sit next to Anna Beth in the office as she answers the phone and responds to people who want to know more about the Jewish roots of our faith. Or visits a synagogue in Savannah to get to know the people there.

I wish you could see the faces I see in church when, for the first time, they put it all together. The importance of Jewish people in God's biblical/historical plan. Our connected history. It's that "ah-ha" look..."I've never seen that before"...or "thought of it in that way." Those amazing looks when people "get it" and connect the dots between the Old and New Testaments. Amazing.

I wish you could feel my pain as I hear leaders in the church undermining the authority and significance of the Old Testament and God's covenant with the Jewish people, the nation of Israel. Or question the value of "being Jewish." "Why does it matter, " some ask? Let me suggest reading Romans 3:1.

February is Atlanta Jewish Film Festival month. For two and a half weeks we will be watching Jewish themed movies from around the world. **Deepening our understanding of the multifaceted issues with which Jewish people struggle.** Social injustice and antisemitism. The marginalization of the Jews and Israel. The Holocaust. The Israeli/Palestinian conflict. What it's like to be a Jew in a world that screams for tolerance but hates instead.



In the process, while standing in line,

or taking our seats in the theater, we will have many opportunities to talk to Jewish people about faith, politics, God, and the suggestion that Jesus might be the Messiah. Suggesting one can be Jewish and believe in him. That Jewish person, who believes, would be me.

Interacting with the Jewish word is a big part of what we do because as we interact with that world God opens doors for us to talk to Jewish people about Jesus.

We're busy assisting others.

Countless individuals reach out to our ministry for advise. They need help with their Jewish friends. Help for their church, bible study, or small group. They want their Jewish friends to know about Jesus, and their churches/bible studies to understand the Jewish roots of our faith.

Be my shadow as I share a few recent emails.

Message: I Need Advise

I have older neighbor friends - Roberta and Brad -who are Jewish. I have a burden to speak to / witness to them, but I feel I could use some advice on how to go about it. I've only broached it once and didn't get very far. Would love prayer for myself to have a spirit of conviction and confidence and for them to have a spirit of need and openness. Thank you and may God continue to bless you and your ministry!

Message: Jewish Tennis Friends

Last night, I gave your newsletters about Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus to a Jewish couple (friends of mine that I have played tennis with in a tennis group for the past few years). I asked them to take it home and read it and let me know what they think about it. They said they would. I know that they are active in a local synagogue in. I will see them again next Monday.

I have been praying for them for a few months now. Would you pray with me that God would soften their hearts to the gospel? Thanks for your prayers and for your newsletters.

Message: A Jewish Friend Needs Help

Hope you are well. We were in bible study group back a while at Scott and Amy's house. I'm trying to get help concerning an old single female Jewish friend of my I met back in 1988 in the apartment community in Jacksonville, FL. Our past has cross crossed over the years and we met up recently and had dinner with her and my wife and kids.

At one time she and I met at dinner on her original call to me and we had a short and kind of awkward discussion on God/ Jesus and it just kind of stalled there. She

did say she wasn't sure about God and all that and her immediate family were not practicing any type of worship. I am compelled to see if we could somehow reach out to her (since she seems to be popping in and out of my life) and work on her to know our Lord Jesus Christ.

Of course I thought of you! Do you have any thoughts on this if I could even get her to open her mind about this.

We could use our house and put a casual dinner together.

I'm just struggling with this and wouldn't feel right if I just do nothing.

I appreciate any ideas you may have.

Message: Christian Son Dating a Jewish Girl

My 28 year old son has a close friend names Hannah, about his age, who is nominally Jewish (from her mother's side) and wants to meet you. She has questions about messianic Jewish beliefs, God, etc. She is concerned about losing her Jewish cultural identity if she would ever even consider Jesus. She is concerned as well regarding her family and how they might react if she were to search at all. Can she call you sometime this week to talk and/or arrange a meeting with you sometime in the near future. Thank you for all you do.

Message: Here's a God Story for You!

Hi Murray,

I recently made a pilgrimage to Israel with my home church. I truly believe God hand-picked people who were supposed to be on Bus 33. Barbara and I were destined to meet, and she was to hear my testimony (I'm a Jewish believer in Jesus) on the bus as we were driving.

When she returned to Atlanta she saw a colleague that she hadn't seen in a long time, and told her she just returned from Israel. Her friend told Barbara that she grew up Jewish and was now attending church and was struggling with her religion, at which point Barbara told her she needed to meet me, and Barbara made the connection.

It is unbelievable how much this woman



and I have in common, including having a mentally handicapped sibling which we each take care of. She invited my brother and I to Thanksgiving with her family and I know that this is a God ordained friendship. I went all the way to Israel to meet Barbara to minister to someone here in Atlanta God is amazing.

I have since met with her again and have shared Isaiah 9 and Isaiah 53. She said she was at an event where you were speaking but she was too nervous to go and talk with you. I told her about your wonderful Passover Seders and I think she and I will go to the one at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church. I feel truly humbled and blessed to be able to share The Gospel with her.

Can we talk sometime and perhaps set up a time for the three of us to meet? I'm so grateful for you and your ministry.

Message: Need You To Visit Our Bible Study

Hi Murray. Our women's group has a bible study and you probably remember coming here last year while we were studying Leviticus and Exodus. We are tackling Romans this year and are approaching Romans 9-11. We would love for you to come to help us to understand

the letter to the church in Rome. Specifically can you help us understand Romans 9-11 from your perspective as a Jewish believer in Jesus. I am sure you can give us some insight and a unique perspective. Would you be willing to come and teach a part of our class?

I wish you could shadow me and feel the excitement that we feel as we experience God moving ahead of us, expanding our influence in the Jewish community and the church. I hope this letter is of some help.

You are praying for, and supporting, an important ministry. Thank you for keeping us out there reaching Jewish people with the message of Jesus, teaching the Jewish roots of our faith, and helping others understand not only the importance of our Jewish roots, but share Jesus with their Jewish friends, associates, and family.

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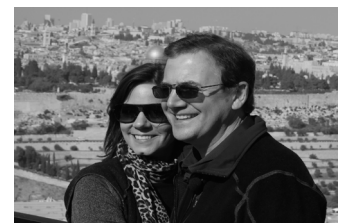
Thank You!!

Our ministry is here to encourage you to pray for the Jewish people and to help them hear the message of Jesus.

As always, thank you for caring enough, and trusting us enough, to send us back to the Jewish people with the love of Messiah Jesus!

In His service,

Murray Tilles...for the staff and for those in Israel...we're looking to the future!!



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