

Greetings, today our manna is from Exodus 5; Job 22; Luke 8; 1 Cor. 9

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Exodus 5

As Exodus 4 closes, we saw the elders and the people **listen and believe** Moses and Aaron. This had to be a great relief. Now in Exodus 5, we seem to experience the old cliché, **one step forward and two steps back**. Moses and Aaron go before Pharaoh and make the request from YHWH to let His people go.

Pharaoh hears but does not receive the message well. Matter of fact, we see Pharaoh make their lives miserable. No straw is made available to the Israelites and they must meet the same quota.

Making Bricks Without Straw

Exo 5:1 And afterwards Mosheh and Aharon went in and said to Pharaoh, “Thus said יהוה Elohim of Yisra’el, ‘Let My people go, so that they celebrate a festival to Me in the wilderness.’ ”

Exo 5:2 And Pharaoh said, “Who is יהוה, that I should obey His voice to let Yisra’el go? I do not know יהוה, nor am I going to let Yisra’el go.”

Exo 5:3 And they said, “The Elohim of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go three days’ journey into the wilderness and slaughter to יהוה our Elohim, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword.”

Exo 5:4 But the sovereign of Mitsrayim said to them, “Mosheh and Aharon, why do you take the people from their work? Get back to your burdens.”

Exo 5:5 And Pharaoh said, “See, the people of the land are many now, and you make them cease from their burdens!”

Exo 5:6 And the same day Pharaoh commanded the slave-drivers of the people and their foremen, saying,

Exo 5:7 “You are no longer to give the people straw to make bricks as before. Let them go and gather straw for themselves.

Exo 5:8 “And lay on them the required amount of bricks which they made before, do not diminish it. For they are idle, that is why they cry out, saying, ‘Let us go and slaughter to our Elohim.’

Exo 5:9 “Let more work be laid on the men, so that they labour in it, and not pay attention to words of falsehood.”

Exo 5:10 And the slave-drivers of the people and their foremen went out and spoke to the people, saying, “Thus said Pharaoh, ‘I do not give you straw.

Exo 5:11 ‘Go, take straw for yourselves, where ever you find it, for your work shall not be diminished.’ ”

Exo 5:12 And the people were scattered in all the land of Mitsrayim – to gather stubble for straw.

Exo 5:13 And the slave-drivers were hurrying them on, saying, “Fulfill your actions, your daily matters, as when there was straw.”

Exo 5:14 Also the foremen of the children of Yisra’ël, whom Pharaoh’s slave-drivers had set over them, were struck and were asked, “Why have you not fulfilled your law in making bricks both yesterday and today, as before?”

Exo 5:15 And the foremen of the children of Yisra’ël came and cried out to Pharaoh, saying, “Why do you treat your servants this way?”

Exo 5:16 “There is no straw given to your servants, and they say to us, ‘Make bricks!’ And see, your servants are struck, but your own people are at fault.”

Exo 5:17 But he said, “You are idle! You are idle! That is why you say, ‘Let us go and slaughter to יהוה.’”

Exo 5:18 “So now go, work. And straw is not given to you, but deliver the amount of bricks.”

Exo 5:19 And the foremen of the children of Yisra’ël saw that they were in trouble after it was said, “You are not to diminish your daily amount of bricks.”

Exo 5:20 And when they came out from Pharaoh, they met Mosheh and Aharon who stood there to meet them.

The people are suffering. The Israelite foremen are struck and punished, and they go to Moses and Aaron with a chastising report. Their words had to pierce Moses’ heart. Surely Moses felt the same pain and confusion he felt after being confronted over slaying the Egyptian that was beating a Hebrew brother. Though forty years had passed, the painful memory remained. Moses goes to YHWH and pours out the anxiety and pain in his heart.

Exo 5:21 And they said to them, “Let יהוה look on you and judge, because you have made us loathsome in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of his servants, to give a sword in their hand to kill us.”

Exo 5:22 And Mosheh returned to יהוה and said, “יהוה, why have You done evil to this people? Why did You send me?”

Exo 5:23 “For ever since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your Name, he has done evil to this people. And You have not delivered Your people at all.”

Job 22

Again, Eliphaz takes his turn speaking to Job. He believes Job's situation is directly correlated to his need of repentance. Oh, the weariness of endless opinions. Real power is to be still and know that He is Elohim; pray His will be done; praise Him; and read His Scriptures aloud. Stay in 'Bible Land.'

Eliphaz Speaks: Job's Wickedness Is Great

Job 22:1 And Eliphaz the Tēmanite answered and said,

Job 22:2 “Would a strong man be of use to Ěl? Even he who is wise be of use to Him?

Job 22:3 Is it a delight to the Almighty that you are righteous? Or gain, that you make your ways perfect?

Job 22:4 Is it because of your fear of Him that He reproves you, or enters into right-ruling with you?

Job 22:5 Is not your evil great? And is there no end to your crookednesses?

Job 22:6 For you take pledges from your brother for naught, and strip the naked of their garments.

Job 22:7 You do not give the weary water to drink, and you have withheld bread from the hungry.

Job 22:8 But the man of strength, he has the earth, and the highly respected man dwells in it.

Job 22:9 You have sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless are crushed.

Job 22:10 Therefore snares are all around you, and sudden fear alarms you,

Job 22:11 or darkness, so that you do not see, and a flood of water covers you.

Job 22:12 Is not Eloah in the height of heaven? And see the highest stars, how lofty they are!

Job 22:13 And you have said, ‘What does Ěl know? Would He judge through the dark cloud?’

Job 22:14 Clouds screen Him, so that He does not see, and He moves about the circuit of the heavens.’

Job 22:15 Do you observe the old way which wicked men have trod,

Job 22:16 who were cut down before their time, whose foundations were swept away by a flood?

Job 22:17 They said to Ěl, ‘Turn aside from us!’ And what did the Almighty do to them?

Job 22:18 Yet He filled their houses with the good! (But the counsel of the wrong has been far from me).

Job 22:19 The righteous see it and are glad, and the innocent mock at them *and* say,

Job 22:20 Truly, our adversaries are cut off, and fire has consumed their excess.’

Job 22:21 Be of service to Him, and be at peace; thereby blessing shall come to you.

Job 22:22 Please accept the Torah from His mouth, and lay up His words in your

heart.

Job 22:23 If you return to the Almighty, you are built up. If you remove unrighteousness far from your tents,

Job 22:24 and lay *your* gold in the dust, and *the gold of Ophir* among the stones of the wadis,

Job 22:25 then the Almighty shall be your gold and your silver, strength to you.

Job 22:26 Then you shall certainly delight in the Almighty, and lift up your face to Eloah,

Job 22:27 make your prayer to Him. And He shall hear you, and you shall pay your vows.

Job 22:28 And whatever you decide on shall be established for you, and light shine on your ways.

Job 22:29 For they have made low, and you say, ‘Up!’ And He saves the lowly of eyes.

Job 22:30 Would He deliver one who is not innocent? So by the cleanness of your hands you shall be delivered.”

Luke 8

Today as we read Luke 8, **see Israel!** See the [plight of Israel!](#) See how over the years the believers have been coming together by faith; **one from a town and two from a city**; as with Miryam of Magdala possessed by demons to Yoḥanan the wife of Kuza, manager of Herodes.

Belief in the power of Yahusha, the Word, shines through believers. Yahusha went through every **city and village** and [what did He proclaim and bring?](#) **The Good News** of the [reign of Elohim!](#) Immediately after this statement, it says **the twelve were with Him**. What a beautiful analogy of how one day the **12 tribes, and those grafted in**, will be with Him as **the one new man, His first-born son, Israel**.

Women Accompanying Yahusha

Luk 8:1 And it came to be, afterward, that **He went through every city and village, proclaiming and bringing the Good News of the reign of Elohim, and the twelve were with Him,**

Luk 8:2 and certain women **who were healed of wicked spirits and sicknesses**: Miryam, called ‘from Maḡdala,’ out of whom had come seven demons,

Luk 8:3 and Yoḥanah the wife of Kuza, manager of Herodes, and Shoshannah, and many others who provided for Him from their resources.

The Parable of the Sower

Luk 8:4 **And when a large crowd had gathered, and those who were coming to Him**

from every city, He spoke by a parable:

Luk 8:5 “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some indeed fell by the wayside. And it was trodden down, and the birds of the heaven devoured it.

Luk 8:6 “And other fell on rock, and when it grew up, it withered because it had no moisture.

Luk 8:7 “And other fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it.

Luk 8:8 “And other fell on the good soil, and grew up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” Having said this He cried, **“He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”**

The Purpose of the Parables

Luk 8:9 And His taught ones were asking Him, saying, **“What does this parable mean?”**

Luk 8:10 And He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the reign of Elohim, but to the rest in parables, that **‘Seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not understand.’** [Isa 6:9](#).

Luk 8:11 **“And this is the parable: [The seed is the word of Elohim.](#)”**^a Footnote: ^a [Mat 13:1-58](#) and [Mar 4:1-41](#)

Luk 8:12 “And those by the wayside are the ones who hear, then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, lest having believed, they should be saved.

Luk 8:13 “And those on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy. And these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of trial fall away.

Luk 8:14 “And that which fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with worries, and riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

Luk 8:15 “And that on the good soil are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, retain it, and bear fruit with endurance.

As in the parable of the sower and the seeds, Yahusha, Himself, is not only the Sower but He is the Seed, the Word. Even [when Yahusha brought and proclaimed the Good News of the reign of Elohim, the same results occurred as when we evangelize](#): some hear yet the devil snatches the seed away before belief; some hear and believe for a while but in time of trial fall away; some hear but they succumb to the cares and pressures of this world and bear no fruit; and some hear and receive and their lives are rich and overflowing as they bear fruit.

A Lamp Under a Jar

Luk 8:16 “And no one having lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but he puts it on a lampstand, so that those coming in see the light.

Luk 8:17 “For whatever is hidden shall be revealed, and whatever is secret shall be known and come to light.

Luk 8:18 “Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever possesses, to him *more*

shall be given; and whoever does not possess, even what he thinks he possesses shall be taken from him.”

Believers, those who possess the light of the Word, are cautioned to burn brightly and let His light shine through their lives to others. We shouldn't be turning our faith 'on and off' like a light switch depending on who is present. At the same time, we shouldn't be using our faith as a blinding spotlight to overwhelm those around us.

Yahusha's Mother and Brothers

Luk 8:19 And His mother and brothers came to Him, and were unable to get to Him because of the crowd.

Luk 8:20 And it was reported to Him, saying, “Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, wishing to see You.”

Luk 8:21 And He answering, said to them, “My mother and My brothers are those who are hearing the Word of Elohim and doing it.”^b Footnote: ^b [Mat 12:50](#), [Mar 3:35](#)

You see, those who believe are the ones Yahusha identifies with by asking, ‘Who is My mother? My brother?’ The same applies for us. We are family. We are His family. In Him, the power of the Word calms the storms of life. The power of the Word keeps our temple clean of demonic possession and/or oppression. The power of the Word gives us His authority to walk by faith and not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Yahusha Calms a Storm

Luk 8:22 And on a certain day it came to be, that He entered into a boat with His taught ones, and He said to them, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake.” And they set out.

Luk 8:23 And as they were sailing He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling up, and were in danger.

Luk 8:24 And they came to Him and woke Him up, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And He awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there came a calm.

Luk 8:25 And He said to them, “Where is your belief?” And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that He even commands the winds and water, and they obey Him?”

Yahusha Heals a Man with a Demon

Luk 8:26 And they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galil.

Luk 8:27 And as He went out onto the land, He was met by a certain man, from the city, who had demons for a long time. And he wore no garments, and he was not living in a house but in the tombs.

Luk 8:28 And when he saw יהושע, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, יהושע, Son of the Most High Elohim? I beg You, do not torture me!”

Luk 8:29 For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had seized him many times, and he was bound with chains and shackles, being guarded. And breaking the bonds, he was driven by the demon into the lonely places.

Luk 8:30 And יהושע asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered into him.

Luk 8:31 **And they were begging Him that He would not command them to go out into the bottomless pit.**

Luk 8:32 And a herd of many pigs was feeding there on the mountain. And **they begged Him to allow them to go into them. And He allowed them.**

Luk 8:33 And the demons, having gone out of the man, entered into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

Luk 8:34 And when those feeding them saw what had taken place, they fled and reported it in the city and in the country.

Luk 8:35 So they came out to see what had taken place, and came to יהושע, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out,

- ✚ sitting at the feet of יהושע,
- ✚ dressed,
- ✚ and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

Luk 8:36 And those who had seen it reported to them how he who had been possessed by demons was healed.

Luk 8:37 And all the crowd of the neighborhood of the Gadarenes asked Him to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. And He entered into the boat and returned.

Luk 8:38 And the man from whom the demons had gone out was begging Him to be with Him. But יהושע sent him away, saying,

Luk 8:39 “Go back to your house, and relate what Elohim has done for you.” And he went away proclaiming through all the city what יהושע did for him.

Like the demon possessed man, before we found Yahusha HaMashiach as our Master and Savior; we too, in so many words, ‘had no garment’ and ‘dwelt among the tombs.’ Meaning, we did not possess our spotless wedding garments that only He can provide through the washing of the blood of the Lamb. Neither did we possess eternal life by receiving the Ruach HaKodesh. Once we found Him, we too are found sitting at the feet of Yahusha; clothed in our white garments; and have the mind of Yahusha, the living Word.

This crazed demon possessed man had a ‘strong man’ spirit. A strong man spirit must be bound first, before the smaller demonic spirits can come out; otherwise, the strong man spirit prevents the lesser demonic spirits from exiting. After a person is delivered from demonic possession, they should promptly receive Yahusha HaMashiach as their Savior or they may end up in a worse condition than at first.

Yahusha Heals a Woman and Jairus's Daughter

Luk 8:40 And it came to be, when יהושע returned, that the crowd gladly received Him, for they were all looking for Him.

Luk 8:41 And see, there **came a man whose name was Ya'ir, and he was a ruler of the congregation.** And falling down at the feet of יהושע he was calling upon Him to come to his house,

Luk 8:42 because **he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying.** And as He went, the crowds thronged upon Him.

Luk 8:43 And **a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years,** who, having spent all her livelihood on physicians, was unable to be healed by any,

Luk 8:44 came from behind and touched the tzitzit of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

Luk 8:45 And יהושע said, **“Who touched Me?”** And when all denied it, Kěpha and those with him said, “Master, the crowds throng You and press upon You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’ ”

Luk 8:46 But יהושע said, **“Somebody did touch Me, for I knew power went out from Me.”**

Our faith is what connects us to the power of Yahusha HaMashiach. Our faith is what touches Him!

Luk 8:47 And the woman, seeing that she was not hidden, came trembling, and falling down before Him she declared to Him in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

Luk 8:48 And He said to her, **“Take courage, daughter, your belief has healed you. Go in peace.”**

Luk 8:49 While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the congregation's house, saying to him, **“Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher any further.”**

Luk 8:50 And יהושע, having heard, answered him, saying, **“Do not be afraid, only believe, and she shall be healed.”**

Luk 8:51 And coming into the house, **He allowed no one to go in except Kěpha, and Ya'aqob, and Yoħanan, and the girl's father and mother.**

Luk 8:52 And they were all weeping and mourning for her, and He said, **“Do not weep, she is not dead, but sleeps.”**

Luk 8:53 And they were laughing at Him, knowing that she was dead.

Luk 8:54 But taking her by the hand He called, saying, **“Child, arise.”**

Luk 8:55 And **her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. And He directed that she be given food to eat.**

G4151 [spirit] *pneuma pnyoo'-mah* From G4154; a *current* of air, that is, *breath (blast)* or a *breeze*; by analogy or figuratively a *spirit*, that is, (human) the *rational soul*, (by implication) *vital principle*, mental *disposition*, etc., or (superhuman) an *angel, daemon*, or (divine) God, Christ's *spirit*, the Holy *spirit*. - ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind. Compare G5590.

It doesn't say her spirit 'awakened'; it says her spirit returned. Before Yahusha ascended and made our atonement on the heavenly altar; those that died went to the bosom of Abraham, the comfort side of Sheol. Her spirit wasn't sleeping in her dead body, but it returned to her. Yahusha is **not only the Resurrection, He is the Life**. Yahusha makes this very clear as He explained it to Martha in John 11:21-26.

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

Joh 11:17 Therefore, when יהושע arrived, He found that he had already been four days in the tomb.

Joh 11:18 Now Bēyth Anyah was near Yerushalayim, about fifteen stadia^a away. Footnote:
^aAbout 3 kilometres or 2 miles.

Joh 11:19 And many of the Yehudim had come to Martha and Miryam, to comfort them concerning their brother.

Joh 11:20 Martha, then, when she heard that יהושע was coming, met Him, but Miryam was sitting in the house.

Joh 11:21 Martha, then, said to יהושע, **“Master, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”**

Joh 11:22 “But even now I know that whatever You might ask of Elohim, Elohim shall give You.”

Joh 11:23 יהושע said to her, **“Your brother shall rise again.”**

Joh 11:24 Martha said to Him, **“I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”**

Joh 11:25 יהושע said to her, **“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he dies, he shall live.”**

Joh 11:26 **“And everyone that is living and believing in Me shall never die at all. Do you believe this?”**

Joh 11:27 She said to Him, “Yes, Master, I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of Elohim, who is coming into the world.”

Luk 8:56 And her parents were astonished, but He ordered them to say to no one what had taken place.

Notice Ya'ir's daughter was **12-years of age**, and the woman had the **issue of blood for 12 years**. Notice that we, the 12 tribes, have been scattered and have been viewed as dead; but YHWH is speaking to those dead dry bones and His Spirit is breathing life into the 'one new man'. He is feeding us with the Truth of His Word. Each day His body, Israel, is being healed, restored and coming to life!

The woman with the issue of blood for 12 years, touches His garment and is healed. She doesn't run off. No, when she hears Yahusha ask who touched Him, she responds. **She proclaims she was healed** and Yahusha proclaims it was through **her belief**. Her light was shining and proclaiming her transformed life!

Like the woman with the issue of blood, the scattered 12 tribes have been bleeding out. It was not until **coming back to our first love, Yahusha, that the bleeding and the weakness resolves**. We reach out and touch Him by faith and He heals us! He restores our strength! Our muscles, our bones, our sinews, our organs, down to every cell are coming together in Him! He tells us live!!!

Ezekiel 16:6 "Then I passed by you and saw you trampled down in your own blood, and I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' **And I said to you in your blood, 'Live!'**

Like the crazed demoniac without a garment, Yahusha **clothes us** and **gives us a sound mind**, as we too **sit at His feet**. Those that believe in Him, are 'Israel' born from above.

1Cor. 9

Paul sets matters straight with his Corinthian audience. Read and listen to his heart and see why he had previously said to them to 'be imitators of me.' Paul 'talked the talk' but more importantly he 'walked the walk'; even more so, because he always went above and beyond in sharing the 'Good News' of Yahusha HaMashiach.

Paul Surrenders His Rights

1Co 9:1 Am I not an emissary? Am I not free? Have I not seen יהושע Messiah our Master? Are you not my work in the Master?

1Co 9:2 If to others I am not an emissary, I certainly am to you. For you are the seal of my office of the emissary in the Master.

1Co 9:3 My defense to those who examine me is this:

1Co 9:4 Do we not have a right to eat and drink?

1Co 9:5 Do we not have a right to take along a sister – a wife – as do also the other emissaries, and the brothers of the Master, and Kěpha?

1Co 9:6 Or do only Barnaḇa and I have no right to refrain from working?

1Co 9:7 Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who shepherds a flock and does not feed on the milk of the flock?

1Co 9:8 Do I say this as a man? Or does not the Torah say the same too?

1Co 9:9 For it has been written in the Torah of Mosheh, “**You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.**” Deu 25:4 Is it about oxen Elohim is concerned?

1Co 9:10 Or does He say it because of us all? For this was written because of us, that he who ploughs should plough in expectation, and the thresher in expectation of sharing.

1Co 9:11 **If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap material goods from you?**

1Co 9:12 If others share authority over you, should not rather we? But we have not used this authority, but we put up with all, lest we hinder the Good News of Messiah.

1Co 9:13 **Do you not know** that those serving the Set-apart Place eat from the Set-apart Place, and those attending at the slaughter-place have their share of the offerings of the slaughter-place?

1Co 9:14 So also the Master instituted that those announcing the Good News should live from the Good News.

1Co 9:15 But I have used none of these, nor have I written this that it should be done so to me. For it would be better for me to die than that anyone should make my boasting empty.

1Co 9:16 For if I bring the Good News, it is no boasting for me, for necessity is laid on me, and **it is woe to me if I do not bring the Good News!**

1Co 9:17 **For if I do this voluntarily I have a reward**, but if not voluntarily, I am entrusted with a management.

1Co 9:18 What then is my reward? That in bringing the Good News, I should offer the Good News of Messiah without cost, so as not to abuse my authority in the Good News.

1Co 9:19 **For though I am free from all, I made myself a servant to all, in order to win more,**

1Co 9:20 and to the Yehudim I became as a Yehudi, that I might win Yehudim; to those who are under Torah, as under Torah, so as to win those who are under Torah;

1Co 9:21 to those without Torah, as without Torah – not being without Torah toward Elohim, but under **Torah of Messiah** – so as to win those who are without Torah.

1Co 9:22 To the weak I became as weak, so as to win the weak. To all *men* I have become all, so as to save some, by all means.

1Co 9:23 And I do this because of the Good News, so as to become a fellow-partaker with it.

1Co 9:24 **Do you not know** that those who run in a race indeed all run, but one receives the prize? **Run in such a way as to obtain it.**

1Co 9:25 And everyone who competes controls himself in every way. Now they do it to receive a corruptible crown, but we for an incorruptible crown.

1Co 9:26 Therefore I run accordingly, not with uncertainty. Thus I fight, not as one who beats the air.

1Co 9:27 **But I treat my body severely and make it my slave, lest having proclaimed to others, I myself might be rejected.**

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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