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Set Apart Ministries Inc. Newsletter

An Equipping Ministry

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Greetings!

In these last days, the challenges to our faith and our relationships in Messiah continue to come in waves. As an Equipping Ministry, [Set Apart Ministries has several goals as listed in our website](#). Among them is the goal to encourage and exhort one another in the Body of Believers to mature in every way into Him Who is our Head. We have understood and have been teaching over the past months the desirability, and indeed, necessity of learning obedience and immediate obedience to what the Ruach (Holy Spirit) tells us. This is an important concept to comprehend and yield to. It is not the person of the leader(s) so much as it is the Spirit within, of our Messiah, that requires yielding to by BOTH leaders and members. Unless Yahshua builds the house, it will be all in vain!

Dr. C.R. Oliver has spoken to us in many ways through his books and the recent study of Judges which we referred to in our last newsletter. He has been a gracious encouragement to us and has given us permission to quote his work. [En Punto: Arriving at THERE: a study in spiritual exactness](#) has been an inspiration to us. We recognize that what our YHWH Elohim is calling us to is often very difficult and involves taking a stand where few others will. He has used this Spanish term that carries the meaning of being "on the dot", exactly where and when Yahshua directs us. Dr. Oliver has addressed the issues of the apostate church in this book and in previous works such as [Sons of Zadok and Holiness and Righteousness: The Regal Pair](#). He often speaks of the necessity of obedience, immediate obedience, to the direction of the Holy Spirit; something which we have understood to be an urgent requirement also. *En Punto has a life of its own. One may participate in that life but only on its terms. To be a part of the En Punto family means adopting its attitudes and methods. Just as "Be ye holy as I am holy" sets forth a different attitude than "thou shalt not", so En Punto establishes its different domain. En Punto challenges the mind to rethink its*

Maturing in Messiah

One of the things that I, Marilyn, find myself contemplating is what the world could look like when Y'shua returns. What will our relationships be like without all the woundedness and hurt we all carry? What will pure, righteous, holy lives look like?

We've all been created in the image of our Almighty Elohim. Inside each one of us is a precious jewel that Yahweh created--our hearts. We're all unique and fill a specific part of the Body of Messiah. There are elders and young men (I Pet. 5), children and infants--those who are still feeding on milk (I Pet. 2:2; I Cor. 3:1-2; Heb. 5:12-13). We play an important role in each others' lives. We are all somewhere on the path to holiness, righteousness and maturity in Messiah.

basis for making judgments. It reaches into the inner core of one's being and searches for agreement with God's judgment rather than the pseudo-satisfaction of being "acceptable." Dr. Oliver suggests Paul as a model example for us today. Paul wrote every epistle having freshly come from the learning halls of the Spirit. No man could change his mind, dampen his resolve, or cause fear to turn him back. THAT IS THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE WHICH MUST BE IN THE REPERTOIRE OF EVERY BELIEVER! These are the last days! There is no time for vacillation. There is no space for error.... Time and place are to be designated and determined by the Divine.... This means that the first "conditioning experience" of the church was on the day of Pentecost(Shavuot). Pentecost is not Pentecost without the discipline of being Spirit- controlled. The modern church must condition itself to be exactly where God calls it to be and there to wait for the Spirit's timing... Churches of today seek the miracles of the Disciples without their obedience to Divine authority.... Today the churches energies are spent in arbitration between "what the Word says," and the "realities of life." Such mediation is a subtle form of legalism which aggrandizes man and his institutional religion. It is as if all the error of the Hebrew Temple, during the Jesus' day, has suddenly found itself in Christendom...Jesus' message to those "temple-ites" is the same as His message to the church today: "It is too late for all this junk." (Paraphrased by Dr. O) A new hour has dawned and there is no time to filter what God is doing through a system that is out of tune with the Spirit. It is too late to rearrange dead theological functions (and functionaries) to accommodate what God is bringing swiftly on the scene. It is too late to seek to recharge, renovate, renew, or restore man's order. The only message to those in former days was "come out from them my people." The same message is cogent for today!...Body ministry still must depend upon waiting on the Lord.

We understand the "church" in terms of the Kahal; the called out ones, those who are listening to the Voice of the soon coming Bridegroom. In one of His Parables (Matt. 25:1-13), all 10 virgins knew of the coming of the Bridegroom but only 5 were prepared. The others were turned away from the chuppah, the Bridal Chamber, because He said he did not *know* them. In English we have missed the underlying message this carried in the original language. The term used conveys that He did not INTIMATELY know them for, of course, we know He does know every person. In our desire to be Set Apart, to "be Holy as I am Holy", our call is to all members of the Body of Messiah As Dr. Oliver observed: *Many true believers are still mingling with established religious bodies at the beginning of the new millennium, but soon this will change! A separation is inevitable, as the mainline "in-group" takes exception to those whose*

We've already begun by learning about how to control our reactivity and learning to respond to situation (and people) in a Godly way. We are in a daily battle with our flesh, which always wants what it wants and what it thinks is right. Tiredness, illness, pain--both physical and emotional--can contribute to a person "losing it." Only the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) working in us can overcome our flesh. We've all seen the examples of those who have suffered well-- Corrie Ten Boom, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and those who in the midst of terrible disease or illness still manage to be a powerful witness for Y'shua. I always think of Joseph, who despite his circumstances--the death of his mother at a young age, rejection by his brothers, being falsely accused and imprisoned and a long separation from his beloved father and younger brother--despite all this, he endured and kept his eyes on the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and was faithful in the midst of a pagan society. The time came when his life became all anyone could dream of and he received a reward for his faithfulness just as we will when Y'shua returns if we endure to the end (2

thinking is different from their own.... Those led by the Spirit will be forced to depart from those who are led by other spirits. With this exodus goes the last vestige of spiritual balance in these congregations, and they will strengthen their world devices....In the end, it is this group of "misfits" who will rally around the King, just as in David's day when Saul was yet to be deposed. God is rallying his army around King Jesus; they will receive their orders in spiritual caves, wilderness settings, and solitary treks. So, let us be diligent, DILIGENT! to study His Word, His Living Torah and let us be diligent to walk in His Ways, His Righteous Teachings so that we are prepared--spiritually and emotionally, and relationally.

Today, we have included an article by Chris Coursey of CARE, Inc. in Baldwin Michigan. CARE's founders Cheryl Knight, MSW and Jo Gettlinger, MSW have been colleagues of Barb since 1990. We have watched Chris grow into the current leader that he has become. Chris's focus these past 16 years has been in helping people overcome severe trauma and move forward into maturity in Messiah in many of the same ways we strive to do so. Chris has recently co-authored a book with Dr. James Wilder about these very issues and is available for seminars. He is also newly married this past month!

In our next issue we will return to the concerns for those new to walking in Torah in dealing with family and friends reactions. If you find this newsletter helpful, we ask you to forward it to those you know who are in the midst of these kinds of concerns. There is a link at the bottom of the letter to do so. Thank you! May the thoughts contained in this newsletter be of encouragement to you personally and to the Body of Believers in which you walk. We stand ready to pray with you and to talk over any issues you may be encountering right now. In Messiah, we CAN do all things!

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Life Model Memo by Guest Columnist Chris Coursey

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To Pastor or Clergy member: Trauma causes people to have marriage problems and difficulty raising their children. There are two types of trauma, one is usually kept a secret (Type B) even though the results are visible. The second kind (Type A) is

Tim. 2:12). Through Joseph's faithfulness and willingness to persevere despite difficult circumstances, Israel was saved!

So often in our relationships, we just want to give up. People will isolate, run away, strike out in anger, and sadly, some even turn their back on our Abba Elohim. It is not an easy path to develop covenant relationships, but as we yield ourselves to the Ruach and strive to build up one another through love, exhortation, encouragement, and yes, admonishment, confrontation (we prefer to say "carefrontation") and even discipline, we will mature more and more into the image of our Messiah.

Are you open to the counsel of those in Messiah who are more mature than you? Are you willing to commit yourself to the wise counsel of those who have been placed in your life as overseers? Do we like it? I know I don't, but my goal is to weed out all the ungodliness within me so that the world will see me as a witness and see Y'shua in me. It is a long continuous process, but as I am "carefronted" by those who love me and I

often unknown by the person themselves but strongly influences marriages, conflicts, divorces and child rearing. My name is Chris Coursey and I am a staff member for the not- for-profit Christian counseling prayer ministry, C.A.R.E., Inc. located in Baldwin, Michigan.

Six years ago C.A.R.E., Inc. (Consulting, Advocacy, Resources and Education) moved to Baldwin from Kokomo, Indiana with the aspiration to increase our ability to help the wounded and severely abused recover. We seek to be a blessing to Lake County and the surrounding counties in Michigan by reaching out to local churches and various organizations who deal with the wounded. We desire to educate and equip the Body of Christ with tools and resources to help those who suffer from emotional and/or physical abuse and trauma. As you probably know, the need is extremely high on a national level as well as our own locale here in Michigan. According to the Center for Prevention of Abuse, every ten seconds across our nation a child is reported abused or neglected while every nine seconds a woman is beaten. Some of the latest statistics on childhood sexual abuse states that almost one out of every three girls is sexually abused while one out of four boys are molested. With numbers like these, we believe the need is overwhelmingly great. Sadly, the workers are few.

We at C.A.R.E., Inc. have invested our time, energy and focus these past 16 years helping survivors of severe trauma and abuse live healthy, meaningful lives, the way God designed. We instruct and train individuals within the church to be all they were created by God to be individually and corporately. We believe healing and growth involves joy-filled loving relationships with people who can disciple, love and encourage the wounded so they can mature.

One of the valuable resources my ministry uses to equip individuals to identify needs, recognize deficits and gain tools for their growth process is a book called *The Life Model - Living from the Heart Jesus Gave You* written by individuals from Shepherd's House, a ministry located in Southern California. This resource has proven to be a tremendous asset for the church. The Life Model speaks to new converts, individuals who are young in the faith, the wounded, as well as pastors, caregivers and leaders who have wounded people in their congregations. The Life Model teaches that everyone has experienced some sort of trauma in their lives, some more than others. We all require life-giving relationships to grow and prosper. The Life Model distinguishes between two types of trauma, A and B. Type A traumas come from the absence of necessary good things we should all receive, things that gives us

have trusted to enter into my life, I take an honest look inside, while trying not to be defensive. Often those giving the counsel or exhorting have been right; at times they have not. Being defensive or blaming or making excuses does not help, but to look inside and seeking Y'shua's understanding of where I fall short helps us to move forward in righteousness.

Many times when we look deep inside, we will find that fear is what drives us. We've learned unhealthy and ungodly ways of protecting ourselves from hurt and pain. **We will do anything not to hurt.** Hurt and pain are an inevitable part of life. We can choose to continue living in fear of it or allow it to teach and mature us as believers in Messiah.

When I become frustrated or impatient with others, Abba always reminds me of how patient He's been with me-- infinitely patient. **For some of us "carefronting" is harder than being confronted,** but if our goal is to help one another grow up into Elohim, it is an important aspect of community. If we truly love one another, we will seek good for others even if it means in

emotional stability. These absences create difficulties in relationships. (Page 42) Concerning Type B trauma, the Life Model states, Type B traumas come from bad things. The brain is seriously effected by "B" traumas in the memory area, so it seems right to call Type B traumas fractures of the mind. (Page 44)

Copies of the Life Model can be obtained from Chris Coursey at 231-745-0500 or you may email me at thrivingtoday@yahoo.com if you have any questions or would like further details. I will follow up this memo with another letter about the little understood problem of immaturity. Maturity and the lack of it is often overlooked and underestimated. My next letter will consist of how to recognize deficits in maturity and how to help individuals grow when maturity is missing. Did you know all addictions have one common element? Every person who struggles with an addiction has an absence in their maturity which oftentimes goes undetected and is overlooked. Chris Coursey C.A.R.E., Inc. 9731 South M-37 Baldwin, MI 49304 (231) 745-0500 thrivingtoday@yahoo.com

Who We Are



Founder of Set Apart Ministries and Personal Life Coach: Barbara L. Klika, BS, MSW Barb has been a clinical social worker in practice since 1983 with an abiding interest in working with attachment/bonding and maturity issues for individuals, couples and groups. She has been a congregational leader for over 20

years in several areas, including Bible study and vocal and handbell choir direction. She is also a certified Bethel Bible Study teacher who has participated in serious study of the Word since 1993 through such organizations as Precepts Ministries and First Fruits of Zion. She has completed basic coaching training through MentorCoach, Inc. and will be continuing work toward an additional Masters degree in coaching. Barb has provided the clinical leadership in pursuing the Life Model group and individual teaching and processing emotional and maturity issues for the past 3 years. She offers her gifts of exhortation, discernment, intercession and prophecy to the Body of Messiah, both locally and in our extended community via telephone and the internet.

Board Member and Personal Life Coach: Marilyn Guffey. Marilyn had been a congregational leader in her home church for over 20 years, providing Bible study, worship opportunities and lay counseling for women in transition for most of that time. She

the short run that they feel hurt. Ignoring problems or overlooking concerns can lead to lashon hara (the evil tongue), division and infighting. As we learn to submit to one another, we can develop strong, godly bonds.

I am blessed to be in relationship with two sisters in Y'shua. We have ridden the waves of working through issues and learning to accept confrontation and admonishment. It is not easy; we always seek to yield to Elohim and keep our focus on Him. We have had times of struggle, times of misunderstanding, times when one or the other has been reactive or times when our weaknesses have let someone down, but we know that Y'shua is developing within us a strong love bond. We are learning what it means to have covenant relationship with one another.

Maturity: the ability to love and to work and to relate well to those around us. It is only in the power and grace of Messiah that we can persevere so that we ARE ready when He comes.

Rooting out fear is, in itself, a terrifying prospect. Being vulnerable

has completed her basic coaching training through MentorCoach, Inc. Marilyn has been the co leader in the provision of group and individual teaching and relationship development through the Life Model for the past 3 years. Marilyn is a serious student of the Word and has participated in and provided many Bible study opportunities, most recently with First Fruits of Zion and numerous additional Messianic Torah study materials. She thrives on offering her gifts of mercy, discernment, encouragement, intercession, and helps and has a strong desire to support the Body of Messiah in growing in maturity and faith, both locally and in our extended community via telephone and the internet.

Board Member (VP) and support person: Janell Schroeder, BBA works professionally as a computer reports specialist for a very large transportation company. She has been instrumental in the founding of Set Apart Ministries, functioning as a support person for people going through trauma recovery. She has attended numerous training experiences in this area and has participated in the Life Model program since it's beginning. Janell is a certified Bethel Bible Study teacher as well as a certified Precepts Bible Study teacher. She has also been in leadership in her previous congregation as a member of church council and in Adult and Child Education. She is currently working on her Bachelors Degree in Messianic Studies and plans to complete a Masters Degree through the Messianic Bible Institute Yeshiva. She brings her spiritual gifts of teaching and helps to our home Set Apart Ministries community.

Board Member, Secretary Treasurer: Robert Klika, BS Bob currently works professionally as a supervisor in the area of milk sanitation for the Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture. Bob has been a leader in previous congregations through service on church council as well as in men's ministries. He provides leadership in several areas of our home community, particularly in the areas of practical arrangements for gatherings, youth ministry and fun nights, and corporate prayer as well as keeping accounts and necessary organizational paper work. He completed his high school education in a Roman Catholic Seminary and has participated in Bible study since then through several studies, including the Bethel Bible Study series and Messianic Torah for the past 4 years through First Fruits of Zion and many additional supplemental materials. He offers his gifts of helps and administration in our home Set Apart Ministries community.

Personal Life Coaching

Regular telephone contact with a coach to encourage and

to others--how can a person even think about doing that? How did Y'shua deal with fear? He went before His Heavenly Father saying, "Your will be done" (Matt. 26:39-42). His love for His Father and His people was so great that He was ready to face any fear within Himself.

When our relationships are fear driven, we will not mature in the way Yahweh intended. Relationships that are bonded in love will be life giving. Our past experiences affect the bonds we develop with others (see Chris Coursey's discussion on Type A and B Traumas). Traumas lead us to develop unhealthy ways of coping with situations and people. But Elohim works out all things for the good of those who love Him (Please read Rom. 8:28-30). Through the power of the Ruach, we CAN overcome our past, we CAN grow up in all He planned for us to be. We CAN "be holy as He is holy."

Next time we will further explore love bonds and fear bonds and how they operate in our lives. In the meantime, if you have any questions for us or would like more information on Maturing in

exhort. A person who will commit the agreed upon time to be available to listen. A person who will remember you in prayer. A person who is FOR you in Messiah. A person trained in the skills needed to help you develop a structure that can be so hard to maintain in a busy life. Marilyn and Barb are ready and have been equipped to offer this service.

[Call or email today to get acquainted](#) and find out if personal life coaching is what you have been looking for. As always, the first call is : No cost. No obligation.

Messiah, we recommend *The Life Model: Living from the Heart Jesus Gave You* available from C.A.R.E. Packaging (231-745-0500). We have also found the book *Covenant Relationships* by Keith (Asher) Intrater to have much valuable information, which is available at bookstores or Amazon.com.

Please contact us at info@setapartmingb.org or 920- 432-5002 for more information. We are available to do virtual (teleconference) groups or individual telephone contact. Blessings in Messiah until next time.

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