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Encouragement from Set Apart Ministries

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Shalom!

We so enjoyed having the C.A.R.E. dance worship team spend time with us last weekend. We were able to learn some new dances to songs that we use for worship. We had a time of JOY as we worshiped, learned and laughed at ourselves when we made mistakes. What a pleasure to meet with friends from different parts of the country who are Torah pursuant!

This weekend, we are hosting David Gipson of Sheep of Israel, along with Theresa Bates. We will be learning how to use banners in worship in addition to Dave's time of teaching during our Shabbat gathering. On Sunday, we will meet at the Downtown Brown County Library at 1:00 p.m. for a time of worship and The Peregrinatti who bring the message of the gospel with harp and provoking stories. Please contact us at 920-336-7005 for more information or email at info@setapartmingb.org.

This month Barb continues on the subject of intentional community. Should a community be totally dependent upon one another? Is there room for independence? In her article she writes about the legal and financial aspects when considering entering into a community. She shares our experience in considering entering into closer community--the apprehension and excitement.

Marilyn's article is on the subject of authority and leadership within communities. If you receive our coaching newsletter, you will have already seen this article. We believe this is an important subject on which there is much confusion and conflict. I pray this article gives you some insight.

Barb and Marilyn had the opportunity to go to Milwaukee this month to hear Eddie Chumney speak. If you've read his *Watchman Reports*, you know he is certain that there will be a

Discipleship, Authority and Control



DISCIPLESHIP:

As believers in Jesus/Yeshua, Life Coaching is very similar in some ways to discipleship. As coaches, our desire is support people as they become more like Him in every area of their lives—to walk as Yeshua walked --- for their will to become conformed to His. A lot is heard in Christian circles today about "making disciples." Yeshua Himself commanded His disciples to "Go and make disciples."

What is a disciple? In simplest terms, he/she is a follower of some teaching, belief or person. As disciples of Yeshua, we are His followers. The Greek word in the New Testament for disciples is *mathetes*, which means a learner or pupil. In First Century Hebrew understanding, "A disciple was not only a pupil, but an adherent; hence they

Palestinian state this year. All of this is part of prophecy and leading to the return of Yeshua. We live in exciting and treacherous times. We continue to pray for Yeshua to "set the captives free," while there is still yet time. Set Apart Ministries continues to seek YHWH for direction for our part in His restoration, however small or large.

Blessings in our our Messiah Yeshua, Bob and Barb Klika, Janell Schroeder and Marilyn Guffey

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Entering into Messianic Community and Commitment

We recognize the desire and need to live in close relationship in order to walk out Torah. Our community is not unlike those of a number of groups of people who choose a more personally interconnected lifestyle than attendance weekly at a church or synagogue could provide. This preference seems to us to be a part of the identity that each fellowship must determine for themselves; not something that can be legislated or enforced against anyone's wishes. We know of only one other Torah pursuant community that lives in such an integrated lifestyle—our "sister" community in CARE, Inc. of Baldwin, Michigan. (Please let us know if you know of others in our Messianic circles who have already walked down this path!)



SOCIAL EXPECTATIONS

Independence----- Dependence

American culture especially values **independence**. I have felt the importance of being able to do for myself or knowing that our family can hire something done that we can't do, rather than having to exchange services on an after-hours basis with friends. I became aware that some people view this as a weakness as I once did; preferring the self-sufficiency that a steady and sizeable income brings. While it is often more timely

are spoken of as imitators of their teacher;" (cf. Jn. 8:31, 15:8) (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible).

In my own studies, I have learned that disciples of a Rabbi would literally sit at his feet. Disciples learn from and imitate their Rabbi. We see Yeshua's example of this with His own disciples.

As believers in Yeshua, we are to be imitators of God, as beloved children (Eph. 5:1 NASB) and walk in the same manner as He walked (I John 2:6 NASB). Our leaders are to be an example in the way they walk and follow Him. As we see and hear Yeshua working through leaders, it is His Presence in them we are to trust and follow, not the person themselves. It follows then, that we have the responsibility to search the Scriptures to understand and know that our leaders are following Yeshua.

It is also understood with our community that leaders are developed as they mature in faith and relationship with Yeshua, not so much that they are "elected" by popular vote or talent.

SCRIPTURAL BASIS FOR AUTHORITY AND LEADERSHIP:

From the beginning, in the Scriptures, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob established the concept of authority for His people. In the garden, He was THE authority. When He created Adam and Eve, Adam was the head under the authority of God.

During the patriarchal age, Abraham became the first leader, followed by Isaac and Jacob. Jacob's sons then each became leaders of their families or clans until the enslavement of Israel in Egypt.

God then appointed Moses as leader over all Israel to lead them out of Egypt into the land He had promised Abraham. In Exodus 18, Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, observes that Moses is wearing himself out by being a judge over all the people. Jethro advises Moses to

to accomplish necessary tasks this way, it is also more impersonal, and based on the economic system of exchange of services or goods for money. This not necessarily a bad thing! The observation here has to do with relational living and what we expect or will tolerate from one another.

All too often the opposite extreme—dependence—is viewed as weakness. It is considered undesirable to be dependent upon others for care and provision. It is necessary for children to be dependent upon their parents for their care and support. The goal of this training time is for them to grow into mature adults. As they grow into their teens, they become less and less dependent upon their parents and become more responsible for their own care and decisions. It is also true that people may be ill or incapacitated and really do need to be dependent. This can be difficult to understand when there is a long-term disability. There is such a thing as unhealthy dependency in which adults do not become independent. This is often due to gaps in their maturity during childhood. They desire people to make decisions for them and in a way, parent them.

Independence ----- **INTERDEPENDENCE**----- Dependence

As I have learned more about community and Torah pursuance, it has become more apparent to me that neither of these extremes are Scriptural. **Interdependence** is much closer to the model of walking out Torah; the ability to care for oneself without excessive, "clingy", "needy" demands of others yet the ability to receive support and nurturance when it is genuinely needed. A balance between giving and receiving, recognizing one another's strengths and drawing on them to give life, even if that strength might be found in someone who is considered "disabled" in some way.

Moving toward living in close proximity as a community is a lot like swimming upstream: the American ideal of the nuclear family living independently is deeply etched into our culture. So much so, that even the idea of intentional community living has seemed strange and outlandish. Still, when we add in the model of cooperatives for management of machinery, fuel and various other mutual needs in farming communities, we can see a thread of intentional community living that is woven into our culture.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL ARRANGEMENTS

Having given a bit of background and some terms that will be used, it is time to move on in our description as to what is involved in the establishment of intentional communities. For our SAM community, we have already concluded that we would

select men of good character and those who fear God to be trained up in leadership. These men were made to be leaders over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. They were to judge the people and bring any difficult disputes to Moses.

We find in Exodus 24 that the 70 elders went with Moses, Joshua and Aaron to Mount Sinai and see YHWH Himself and eating and drinking (Exodus 24:9- 10).

Israel was ruled by Judges, selected by God Himself in the time period before the people demanded a King which God also selected.

In the New Testament, we see the establishment of deacons to help the Apostles in daily affairs. The Apostles, themselves, were to be studying the Word and teaching (Acts 6:1-6). In various passages, we see the function of the Elders in the congregations (Titus 1:5-14; I Tim. 5:17; James 5:14, 15, to name a few).

CONTROLLING LEADERSHIP:

As we use the term "control", we see it as an abuse of authority to have absolute power over people. I have heard of leaders within some churches who wanted to establish a strong discipleship program and carried it to extremes. People were spied upon, told exactly what they could and could not do in every area of life decisions. People have told me that their leaders have said, "I'm your discipler, you need to do what I say."

We've all heard of cults that have been totally controlled by a charismatic leader in every aspect of their lives. This is abuse; this is not Godly leadership or discipleship.

DISCIPLESHIP VS. LEADERSHIP VS. CONTROL:

On the other hand, people can misinterpret accountability and use of a leader's authority for abuse or control. When people *believe* or *misinterpret* godly leadership to be such

want to retain individual autonomy for each person or family's finances, while cooperatively working together to cover all costs. Thus our preference is for a housing cooperative, which would be called a *moshava* in Israel, rather than a *kibbutz* where people pool all of their income and assets.

We have begun the research into the establishment of an LLC (Limited Liability Corporation) non-profit status as the legal entity over the property; whether it would be by lease or purchase. We know that the residents would own a share in the LLC, but not specifically the physical units as it would be in a condominium arrangement. We have much to learn yet in this process. It is not yet clear how to balance the costs between family units headed by a wage earner or one who is disabled and not gainfully employed. The disparity of income needs to be recognized yet if we are to accomplish our purposes; we cannot lose sight of the costs for the entire complex. We do suspect that our Abba is in the process of knitting something together here which we cannot yet fully see. Our intent is to make use of the strengths and skills of our community in a way to develop adequate income to sustain the whole body of believers. We know we cannot do this alone and are exploring possible opportunities for other individuals, families or ministries to stand along with us.

To read Barb's entire article on **Entering into Community and Commitment**, please [click here](#).

Keeping Your Joy Full!

We are always being stretched and grown. One way of having joy is finding a new hobby. Try something new--painting, crafts, build a birdhouse. It's a way to relax and a way to discover new talents!



And while we recognize our own need to try new things and cultivate our joy, may we always remember that this is not so with our ever faithful, relentlessly pursuing, loving Father.

God never changes moods or cools off in His affections or loses enthusiasm.

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Teleconferences

ungodly control by someone in authority, fear or rebellion are usually involved.

Perhaps someone has been abused by an authority over them at another time. It is usually a frightening time of self doubt and confusion as to what is Scriptural. The individual is often lacking self-confidence which makes it even harder for them to evaluate the authority involved. It becomes difficult to trust anyone in authority for fear of being abused again. Others will have no tolerance for a learning time with a new fellowship leader and may rebel against any kind of authority for fear of being controlled. All of this leads to distorted thinking and much misunderstanding.

Leaders do need to make difficult decisions and take difficult stands for the good of the fellowship. This should always be Spirit-led. Scripturally, discipline and confrontation are needed (see Matthew 18). Due to an independent, prideful, fearful or rebellious spirit, people can interpret this as control. Instead of talking through the situation or accepting the accountability, people will just walk away from the fellowship. Unfortunately, this same pattern can continue for them in other fellowships over and over. People in fear will walk away from what they most want—relationship.

Fear of abuse by authority was a *particularly* difficult issue for one woman in our Set Apart Ministries community. Through prayer and a willingness to be accountable, she learned to trust Yeshua in Barb and overcame her fear. She persevered through the tough times even when she did not understand; she did not run away. As a result, she has grown and matured as a part of the community. She has been able to be instrumental in helping others recognize and deal with this kind of fear.

In summary:

- God desires His people to be discipled--

February 25, 2007

9:00 AM CST

"For (ALL) Women Only" teleconference

This teleconference is open to all women who are coming into a *Torah* observant lifestyle. By request of several people, this month we begin opening the teleconference call to ALL women, whether single, widow, divorced or yes, even married and even if your spouse is Torah pursuant! It seems we women always appreciate the opportunity to share problems and solutions and coming into Torah is no exception. So, please, all you Torah pursuant women, come one and all to join the discussion.

Last month's topic was "What do you say when they say...?" It was fun to hear from one woman (who was unable to join us for the live call) tell about listening to the recorded session THREE times! The only drawback was that she wanted to add to the discussion.

Our discussion will follow the format below: Introductions and Get Acquainted Time
 Discussion Time
 Topic for the Day: We'll continue with the subject of "What do we say when they say...?"
 Prayer
 Concerns and closing

To register for this month's teleconference, please contact us with your email address. We will send out a reminder prior to the conference, with the telephone number and PIN number to use to enter into this month's discussion!

Please join us for Messiah-centered and sensible solutions to the concerns we face as we pursue a Torah walk in a non-Torah society! If you have any questions, you can reach either Marilyn Guffey or me Monday through Thursday at (920) 336-7005

Plant & Grow a Strong Messianic Fellowship Teleconference

Yeshua is the best example of this. A disciple following his master is a model of leadership.

- God has established leadership for the people of God and we need to look to Him to confirm leadership in ourselves or others.
- Leadership is NOT absolute power over people--- Yeshua alone has ALL authority.
- We need to recognize any rebelliousness or fear of leadership "control" in ourselves and deal with it accordingly if we are to grow into all He has for us, able to receive from others what is good and right.
- YHWH has placed leaders over us for our protection, not for oppression. When our leaders obediently follow Him, they will not lead us astray.

As coaches we come alongside people to support them in areas of growth that they choose for themselves Our desire is that people see Yeshua in us and trust and follow Him as HE works in and through us. Our hope is that through our coaching relationships, we will be part of that training up process for many more to come. (M.G.)

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[CARE, Baldwin Michigan](#)

[Dry Bones Restoration Company-Frank Houtz](#)

[Messianic Discipleship Resources from Natan Lawrence, Hoshana Rabbah](#)

[Sheep of Israel-David Gipson](#)

Registration for this teleconference series opened last month.

Here is an opportunity for those who provide leadership in a Messianic community, even if it's only two other people!

We are now offering this open forum by telephone to discuss difficult relationships, conflict resolution, anger management, and so forth. Without the extra expense of traveling you can obtain support and professional consultation for the relationship issues you deal with on a daily basis.

[Click here for more detailed information on this seminar.](#)

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About Us

Barbara L. Klika, MSW, LCSW, Personal Life Coach is a licensed mental health professional and founder of Set Apart Ministries, Inc., 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.

Marilyn T. Guffey, lay counselor, Personal Life Coach. 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 has completed her basic coaching training through MentorCoach, Inc. Marilyn has been the coleader in the provision of group and individual teaching and processing emotional and maturity issues 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 its 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.

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