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Ten Days Of Tarrying Until Shavuot

In anticipation of the last ten days leading to Shavuot, we have provided a means for us to be unified in our prayer and devotional focus.

*Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.” **Luke 24:49*** It was during this period from First Fruits to Shavuot that Yeshua ascended. He told his disciples to wait for the Promise, which came ten days after his ascension on Shavuot – where the disciples were all in one accord!

We are going to meet for prayer for one to two hours each evening. Please see the schedule on the last page, as some locations and times are different to accommodate prior scheduling commitments.

There will be a prayer and devotional focus for those ten days. Our central scripture is Galatians 5:22-23

*22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. **Galatians 5:22-23***

Each day we will look at each fruit of the Spirit, examining the Greek and Hebrew meaning and meditate on a scripture relating to that fruit.



Intro

Our Key Scripture will be **Galatians 5:22-23** *The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

We will read a modified version of Galatians 5:13-26 every day. Then we will focus on ONE of these HOLY attributes, called The Fruit of the Spirit. We will have ten days for this exercise. We will study and meditate on one piece of fruit each day, progressing through all nine HOLY attributes. We will be asking Yahweh to grant us the Grace to achieve a new measure of The Fruit of the Spirit by Shavuot.

One easy way to memorize these fruits is by employing the technique of syllables. Using this system, the fruit is separated into three sets. The first three are one syllable, Love, Joy, and Peace. The second set is two syllables, patience, kindness, and goodness. The last group is three syllables, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

We have created a day-by-day system with the Gregorian day, the Hebrew day, the highlighted fruit, and a few verses focused on that word. We will also give you a thought for the day and a model prayer centered on one piece of fruit. With the help of the Ruach, these tools will enable you to walk in that ONE character trait throughout your day.

Why are we having ten days of prayer and Bible study?

We are following what Yeshua told the Talmidim (disciples) in Acts 1:3-5. After His suffering, He presented Himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them during the forty days of counting the Omer and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while eating with them, He gave them this command: Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift My Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

We have been focusing on dealing with sinful thoughts and deeds which produce bad fruit, the fruit of the flesh. So we felt led by The Ruach to study the opposite; The Fruit of The Spirit. We will begin this study on Friday, May 7th, day 41 of counting the Omer, and we will conclude on Shavuot May 16th, the 7th Sabbath, and day 50 of counting the Omer.

Here is a little insight on the number 10.

In Hebrew, the number 10 is connected to the tenth letter Yod, which looks like this: י

This is the first letter in God's Holy name Yahweh: יהוה

Here is the Yode in its most ancient script, sometimes called pictograph Hebrew:



If you use your imagination, you can see what looks like an arm. This letter is considered the "arm of God" and can have the meaning of throwing at a target or pointing at the path. It can also represent the power to complete. When taking ten days to focus on The Fruit of the Spirit, we trust in the Power of God's arm, Yeshua, to help us accomplish adjusting our character.

Day One - Love

Friday, May 7th = Iyar 25 is the 6th day of the 5th week, which is day 41 of Counting the Omer

Today we will focus on the word Love

Galatians 5:13-26 *You, my brothers and sisters, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: You shall love your neighbor as yourself... Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other... The fruit of the Spirit is LOVE, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Yeshua the Messiah have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*



The Greek word is: ἀγάπη (ah-gapay)

Most of us have probably heard this word if we have been in Church for any reasonable amount of time.
Greek definition:

- 1) affection, goodwill, love, benevolence, brotherly love
- 2) love feasts

The Hebrew equivalent is: אהבה (ah-havah)

The Hebrew word gives us deeper insight and expands our understanding:

- 1) Love
 - A. Love for humans. The Love of man toward man, of man toward himself, and between man and woman.
- 2) God's Love toward His people
 - We see this type of love, the kind of love used to express how God loves us, is the same type of love we should convey to ourselves and others.

Song of Songs 2:4 *He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was LOVE.*

Romans 5:8 *But God demonstrated His LOVE toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Messiah died for us.*

1 Corinthians 13:13 *And now these three abide, faith, hope, love; but the greatest of these is LOVE.*

John 13:35 *By this, all men will know that you are my disciples if you LOVE one another.*

Thought for the day.

God's love for you is not dependent upon your merit, it is exclusively based on His relationship with His son Yeshua. Through Yeshua, God expresses His love toward us. Let us love like Yeshua today. Ask your Heavenly Father to allow you to see yourself and those around you through the lens of Yeshua's love.

Model Prayer

Father, allow me to bear the image of Yeshua today. Let me interact with my family as Yeshua, my friends and acquaintances as Yeshua, those I may encounter that I have yet to meet as Yeshua. Let me experience Your love for me, and please Lord, let that same love flow through me, inspiring everyone I encounter today.

Day Two - Joy

Shabbat May 8th = Iyar 26 is the 6th Sabbath, which is day 42 of Counting the Omer

Today we will focus on the word Joy



Galatians 5:13-26 You, my brothers and sisters, serve one another humbly in Love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: You shall love your neighbor as yourself... Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other... The fruit of the Spirit is love, JOY, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Yeshua the Messiah have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

The Greek word is: χαίρω (char-ah)

I) Joy or gladness.

A. when you bring people joy

B. The people that bring you joy. It can also mean the cause or occasion of Joy.

The Hebrew equivalent is: שמחה (sim-chah)

I) Joy, gladness, happiness, and pleasure

A. to be in a state of bliss or glee

As a noun, bliss is defined as perfect happiness, great joy, and as a verb, it means reaching a state of ideal happiness oblivious of everything else.

Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD, your God in the midst of you, is mighty; He will save (a little nugget, the Hebrew says Yoshi-ah, which is very similar to Yeshua will save), He will rejoice over you with JOY, He will rest in His love, He will JOY over you with singing.

Think about this: if you are a believer, God Himself is literally in the midst of you. He dwells in you through the Holy Spirit, and not only does He live in you, He sings and dances over you. You give God pleasure.

Hebrews 12:2 Looking to Yeshua, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the JOY that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Luke 10:20 Do not rejoice because the spirits will submit to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.

Romans 15:13 Now, may the God of hope fill you with all JOY and peace, trusting that you may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

If you struggle with walking in joy, think about this: God sent His only son to redeem you from a life of bondage, and He is coming back again to deliver you from this present Age of Darkness and bring you

into the Kingdom of Light. This is called the Joy of Salvation. In Matthew 25:14-30 (please take a moment and look this up), Yeshua is teaching a parable. He describes true joy as the reward of being with God in the age to come. There is a connection between hope and joy. Remember, The Lord is returning soon. Titus writes this: ...*"our blessed hope is the glorious appearance of our great God and Savior Yeshua the Messiah."* Sin usually hinders a believer from walking in the fullness of joy because we don't want to face the Lord while in a state of unrepentant sin. As you meditate on these Scriptures, ask The Holy Spirit to highlight any areas of sin that may be blocking you from a place of walking with Yeshua in a state of joy and hope. Then pray and repent. He will do the rest!

Thought for the day

Assignment - Do something today that brings you joy. Allow yourself some pleasure and worship the Lord while you do it. Non-sinful pleasure only!

God wants us to enjoy life and have joy in The Holy Spirit. Remind yourself throughout the day that you have been redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb. Yeshua is coming back soon! When He appears, He will bring you into His joy, which is a glorified body that can have face-to-face communication with God for all eternity. How Amazing will that be?!

Model Prayer

Father, I thank You for sending Yeshua to save me. Please search my heart and reveal any sin that may hinder me from walking in joy. Help me as I go about my day to remember that YOU find joy in me, You love me, and You desire to commune with me. Please help me to realize I bring You joy. Likewise, help me remember, throughout the day, that MY hope and joy is to be found in You because my name is written in Your Book of Life. Help me walk in joy today as I eagerly await Yeshua's return.

Day Three - Peace

Sunday, May 9th = Iyar 27 is the 1st day of the 6th week, which is day 43 of Counting the Omer

Today we will focus on the word Peace

Galatians 5:13-26 *You, my brothers and sisters, serve one another humbly in Love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: You shall love your neighbor as yourself... Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other... The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, PEACE, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Yeshua the Messiah have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*



The Greek word is: εἰρήνη (iray-nay)

- 1) a state of national tranquility
- 2) a state of peace between individuals

- 3) security and safety
- 4) the peace of Messiah
- 5) resting in salvation
- 6) peace and rest in death

The Hebrew equivalent is: **שלום (Sha-lom)**

- 1) completeness
 - A. in number
 - B. safety in body
 - C. welfare, health, prosperity
 - D. friendship
- 2) Peace from war

The root word for **שלום** is **שלם (sha-lam)**

This word means the entire thing, to be whole, complete, or finished.

Luke 24:36 *And as they spoke, Yeshua himself stood in the midst of them, and saith to them, PEACE to you. Shalom is the most common greeting in Israel. It has become a way to say Hey, Hi, or Hello, but it really means so much more. Yeshua greeted his followers with the greeting “Shalom to you.”*

Romans 5:1 *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.*

We will focus on this word shalom by thinking about the benefits we can access through faith in Messiah. We have peace with God because we have been justified by faith. What does this mean? Justification is a judicial term that means we are not guilty. Think about it like this: just-as-if-I-never-sinned = justification. This is the meaning of being born again. All of our sins—past, present, and future— have been forgiven in Messiah. Through His death and resurrection, He exchanges our sins for His righteousness. This action grants Him the ability to provide us with Grace and Mercy. This reality, Paul writes, should bring you shalom, peace. Through this peace, we have wholeness, health, prosperity, safety, and friendship with God. Let's read what Yeshua says in John 14 and 16.

John 14:27 *PEACE I leave with you, my PEACE I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

John 16:33 *These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you might have PEACE. In the world, you will have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

This world is not our home; like Abraham, we are looking for a city whose architect and builder is The Lord Yahweh. We are waiting for a New Heaven and a New Earth. But while we tarry, awaiting the return of our Messiah, we must endure trials of many kinds. These tests must come to evaluate the genuineness of our faith.

Thought for the day

Let God's peace be upon you today and be glad family; The Lion of the Tribe of Judah has overcome the world. And remember what we read yesterday. He is coming back soon to gather us unto Himself, and then we will always be with The Lord. In Yeshua, you have everything you need for Life and Godliness. Think

about this: Yeshua Himself is speaking peace over you today. When you receive His peace, your life is complete, nothing is missing, and nothing is broken.

Model Prayer

Father, grant me shalom today; allow me to experience Your rest, comfort, and safety. If I get anxious today, help me be aware of the test and provide me with grace to stop and pray for Your peace to come back into my heart and mind.

Day Four - Patience

Monday, May 10th = Iyar 28, the 2nd day of the 6th week, which is day 44 of Counting the Omer

Today we will focus on the word Patience

Galatians 5:13-26 *You, my brothers and sisters, serve one another humbly in Love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: You shall love your neighbor as yourself... Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other... The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, PATIENCE, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Yeshua the Messiah have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*



Oh no, my mom unintentionally instilled some unhealthy thoughts toward trying to pursue this character trait. I remember many times hearing her say, "never pray for patience son, you'll be tested, and it won't be good." Do you recall someone telling you this? This is not something we need to be afraid of asking God for or trying to understand. This piece of fruit is one of the most Christ-like attributes in Galatians 5... well, they are all Christ-like but, what I am saying is this: when I see a man or woman with extreme patience, I see Yeshua in that person. The opposite is also true; when I see someone lose their patience or become frustrated quickly, I know the flesh is active, not the Spirit. And this will lead to sin. Walking in peace is very connected to walking in patience. The first thing that happens as a person gets frustrated is they lose their sense of shalom. The heart rate increases, causing thoughts to race instead of forming regularly; this causes emotional triggers and stress. This type of stress results in fight or flight syndrome. So what can we do to overcome this scenario and be men and women of patience?

The Greek word is: μακροθυμία (makrath-oomeah)

- 1) patience, endurance, constancy, steadfastness, perseverance
- 2) longsuffering, slowness in avenging wrongs

I also found a very odd-sounding, but statement-making word, which helps define makrath-oomeah = longanimity.

This Greek word really helps us understand the heart of this word. It is a combination of two Greek words. The first word is “far”, and the other word is “fierceness or indignation”. So when we combine these two words into one Greek word, we have a word that means “to be far away from anger or wrath”. In English, we say the word patience. The Greek word for wrath means “to boil”, and the root word means “to slaughter or kill”.

As I was thinking about this, it made me realize that this could be connected to Yeshua's words, "if you are angry with your brother, you have murdered him in your heart." To be patient means to handle your anger in such a way that you do not begin to boil. Once we move from a place of minor irritation to where we have become boiling hot with anger, we have been drawn close to wrath, not far from wrath. Consequently, being patient means we are controlling our anger and not allowing ourselves to move into a place of rage. Frustration moves into anger very quickly then progresses toward fits of rage, this type of sin is categorized as a deed of the flesh. Left unchecked, this type of sin is what leads people to murder.

The Hebrew equivalent is: אַפַּיִם עֶרֶךְ (afayim-erech)

This Hebrew word strengthens our understanding of the word patient. The Hebrew is also two words. The first Hebrew word has to do with “flaring the nostrils in anger due to breathing heavily”. The second Hebrew word means “to delay or tarry”. When we combine these words, we see a concrete definition is “to delay anger or delay heavy breathing due to anger”. Another way to define this word would be “to breathe slowly”.

Thought for the day

If you find yourself getting overwhelmed or frustrated at any point today, ask God to remind you to slow down, take long, deep breaths, and pause to pray. Let us be men and women that are not easily angered. Most of the time, the things that trigger us are not life-altering events.

Model prayer

Father, help me be mindful of anything that would begin to agitate me and cause me to lose my peace. Holy Spirit, help me control my thoughts and take them captive if they begin to veer off into frustration and anger.

Day Five - Kindness

Tuesday, May 11th = Iyar 29, the 3rd day of the 6th week, which is day 45 of Counting the Omer

Today we will focus on the word Kindness

Galatians 5:13-26 You, my brothers and sisters, serve one another humbly in Love.

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: You shall love your neighbor as yourself... Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other... The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, KINDNESS, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Yeshua the Messiah have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.



This word Kindness is translated as gentleness in the KJV. This English word can help us begin to understand what this word means. To be kind is to be gentle.

The Greek word is: χρηστότης (chray-stot-ace)

1) Moral goodness

2) Kind or gentle

The Greek root word gives more understanding

1) useful

A. virtuous

2) manageable

A. mild or pleasant (the opposite of harsh, sharp, or bitter)

The Hebrew equivalent is טוב (tove)

This Hebrew word means “pleasant and agreeable”. It means not being stubborn or argumentative; this word is connected to the definition of love we find in 1 Corinthians 13, where Paul writes, “love is not self-seeking.” This aspect of love is related to kindness. To be kind is to agree with others instead of wanting things to go your way. When we look at the root word in the Greek text, it means “to be useful or helpful” and represents the gentle disposition we should have towards meeting the needs of others without the need for recognition. So one way to display kindness is to be a person that helps others, to sacrifice what you want to do for the sake of another person. Genuine kindness is seen in the story of the good Samaritan. He reached into his own pocket to meet the needs of someone that was an enemy, according to the standard of the culture.

Kindness MUST begin with being thoughtful of others, considerate, tenderhearted, and compassionate. This means that kindness involves action. Kind people will actively look for opportunities to show compassion.

Yeshua is kind; as a man, when He walked the earth, He would have been the type of person that showed kindness to everyone. In like manner, we should practice kindness. Most of the time, kindness is displayed in small ways like a smile as you look at someone, an encouraging text message, or a thoughtful handwritten note slipped in someone's Bible, notebook, or lunchbox.

Ephesians 4:31-32 *Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be KIND and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Messiah forgave you.*

Thought for the day

Since kindness is an action word, let us take a few moments and consider how we can show kindness to:

1) someone we love that is dear to our heart

2) someone we are not as close to, a friend or acquaintance

3) someone we don't know

Model prayer

Father, help me be kind today. Please show me how to display kindness to my family, friends, and people I do not know. Please help me be pleasant, not sharp with my words, body language, or facial expressions. Please show me how to be like Yeshua, putting the needs of others before mine, and give me opportunities to help others today.

Day Six - Goodness

Rosh Chodesh / New Moon Sivan

Wednesday, May 12th = Sivan 1, the 4th day of the 6th week, which is day 46 of Counting the Omer

Today we will focus on the word Goodness



Galatians 5:13-26 You, my brothers and sisters, serve one another humbly in Love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: You shall love your neighbor as yourself... Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other... The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, **GOODNESS**, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Yeshua the Messiah have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

The Greek word is: ἀγαθωσύνη (agathoe-soonay)

1) Being a good moral person... doing the right thing.

The Hebrew equivalent is also connected to the word: טוֹב (tove)

This word goodness is linked to the soul that produces pure thoughts brought forth in good speech, resulting in righteous deeds. There are two kinds of righteousness in God's Word. The first is righteousness that brings Atonement, which is forgiveness of sins. This is only found in Yeshua. But there is another form of righteousness that can be realized when we follow the commands in the Torah regarding loving our neighbor as ourselves. To display this type of fruit, you must be a person with a good heart. Consider what Yeshua says in *Luke 6:45* "A **GOOD** man out of the **GOOD** treasure of his heart brings forth that which is **GOOD**; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth that which is evil: for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." Thus, goodness is connected to one's character.

Paul writes in *Titus 3:4* about how God expressed His goodness to us by Yeshua's example in this way, "But when the **GOODNESS** and lovingkindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of the works done by us in righteousness but according to His mercy." The goodness of God appeared in Yeshua; He saved us from our sins through His grace. This Scripture tells us how He saved us; the work of Messiah was applied to our account. Not because we deserve it, but because He is merciful. So goodness is viewed as deeds performed with mercy as the foundation. Goodness is the ability to say or do the right thing in a kind manner. Goodness is reaching out with compassion to those undeserving of our kindness. Just as God offered us His kindness and goodness in Messiah, we should provide deeds done in kindness to others. The fruit of goodness is offering Yeshua to people through our lives.

Thought for the day

Try and do the right thing in every circumstance today, and you will be walking in the fruit called goodness. From the smallest things to the big decisions, allow the nature of Yeshua to shine through you today. Seek

first His righteousness, and operate in mercy, considering your ways, He is watching you. You will be the one that knows if you are operating in the proper motive of the heart. This is genuine goodness, to do the right thing with a pure heart, not expecting anything in return.

Model Prayer

Father, help me to make the right decisions today. Help me to have pure motives and a good character as I encounter people today. Allow my heart to be changed and allow me to have pure thoughts and speech. Show me how to be good in every situation, with every encounter. Even in my mind, help my thoughts be holy and acceptable to You today.

Day Seven - Faithfulness

Thursday, May 13th = Sivan 2, the 5th day of the 6th week, which is day 47 of Counting the Omer

Today we will focus on the word Faithfulness

Galatians 5:13-26 *You, my brothers and sisters, serve one another humbly in Love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: You shall love your neighbor as yourself... Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other... The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, FAITHFULNESS, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Yeshua the Messiah have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*



The Greek word is πίστις (pis-tis)

- 1) the character of one who can be relied on
- 2) trustworthy and reliable

The Hebrew equivalent is: אמונה (emu-nah)

This Greek word pistis is related to the Hebrew word emunah. The root word for emunah is the word amen. Amen means "let it be done". So, this word means to do whatever was said, written, or agreed upon. Some synonyms are steadfast, dedicated, and dependable. Our first place of being faithful is to God and His word. We are to demonstrate this attribute; since God and His Word are trustworthy, we must be trustworthy and reliable. We must do what we say, and whatever we commit to doing, let us complete the task. God always keeps His promises, so we **MUST** keep our promises. James 2:17-20 tells us: "Faith by itself, without works, is dead. But someone will say, You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! But do you not know, o foolish man, that faith without works is dead?"

Our actions prove we have genuine faith. To be faithful means we do the will of the Father. Remember this; even Yeshua struggled to finish the task of redeeming humanity. How did He overcome His flesh? He prayed and committed His mind to His Father. He took His thoughts captive and made them submit to the will of the Father. In the garden of Gethsemane, as the thought of dying on the cross was racing through His mind, He found Himself alone with no prayer partners. All His disciples were asleep. He was left to wrestle with His mind, will, and emotions. How did He overcome? He became obedient by drawing upon this attribute of faithfulness. That night He prayed “Not My will, but Your will be done.”

God is Faithful, and He always does what He promises.

Does God see me as a trustworthy child?

Do I finish every project I start?

Do people see me as a reliable person?

Do I follow through with the things I have said I would do?

To be faithful, you must be diligent and do what you say. Let your yes be yes, and your no be no. Some of us do not need to be so quick to commit to doing things. Pause and pray before you say yes. Many others may be in the other camp, and we don't ever want to commit to anything. For those in this category, commit to help someone and then do it!

Thought for the day

Think about the things you have told the Lord you would do. Is there anything that comes to mind that you have not completed? Have you done what you told Him you would do? Now, think about the things you told people you would do; this could get discouraging, but do it anyway. Begin to think about what you told people you would do. Now make one list for God and another list for other people. Now begin to work on doing what you said you would do.

Model prayer

Father, please help me be trustworthy. With Your help I commit to being faithful. I want to be like Yeshua, who agreed to come to Earth and do Your will. Help me overcome my mind, will, and emotions. I submit my will to You, like Yeshua I say... “not my will, but Your will be done today.”

Day Seven - Gentleness

Friday, May 14th = Sivan 3, the 6th day of the 6th week, which day 48 of Counting the Omer

Today we will focus on the word **Gentleness**

Galatians 5:13-26 *You, my brothers and sisters, serve one another humbly in Love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: You shall love your neighbor as yourself... Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh.*



They are in conflict with each other... The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, GENTLENESS, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Yeshua the Messiah have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

The Greek word is: πραότης (prah-ah-tace)

1) Gentle or mild

The Hebrew equivalent is: ענוה (aw-nawv)

1) Humble, meek, lowly

The main way I would describe this Greek word is “soft and gentle when needed”. Yeshua exemplified this fruit, He was soft and gentle with women and children, but He would be a formidable leader when necessary. This ability to know when to be soft with people and when to challenge people is part of this whole idea of gentleness.

Now let's look at the Hebrew word. We will spend the rest of our devotional time trying to understand this word from the Hebrew perspective. Scripture tells us Moses was the meekest man on Earth. Another version uses the word Humble. Yeshua was also called meek, lowly, and humble. All of these words are describing the same attribute. It is not as much the opposite of pride; this word is so much more. One way I have come to define the meaning of the Hebrew word anav is “to do what God says quickly”. Think about that. The word means “to respond to His instruction quickly”. When we follow this pattern as a way of life, we will not find ourselves doubting God as much. This attribute also helps when repentance is needed, whether we have sinned against God alone or the sin is between us and another person. If we repent quickly, this means we are meek and humble.

Another way this word may be defined is “to be yielded and teachable”. first in our relationship with God. Secondly, we should be humble, gentle, and respectful in our relationships with people. To walk in the ripeness of this fruit, we must allow Yahweh to control and train us! Again like all of these character traits, Yeshua is our perfect example. He emptied Himself of His divine prerogatives and became a servant. He came lowly, meek, and riding a donkey. He always did what He saw His Father doing and never hesitated, He obeyed quickly, this is true humility.

Thought for the day

Are you doing what Yahweh is telling you to? Are you doing things in a timely manner, or are you the type of person that hesitates? To walk in this fruit in its ripened form, we must be soft and gentle; the kind of person children want to be around. Concerning our Father, we must be teachable and responsive. As you go about your day today, ask the Father to speak to you and then do your best to obey Him quickly. If you have been resisting anything you feel the Ruach has been instructing you to do, repent and quickly do what He says.

Model Prayer

Father, help me to walk like Moses and Yeshua. Please help me obey Your instructions quickly. Please allow me to be gentle and soft as I deal with people. Father help me to be a person that is known for being humble.

Day Nine - Self-control

Shabbat, May 15th = Sivan 4, the 7th Sabbath, which is day 49 of Counting the Omer

Today we will focus on the word Self-Control

Galatians 5:13-26 *You, my brothers and sisters, serve one another humbly in Love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: You shall love your neighbor as yourself... Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other... The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and SELF-CONTROL. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Yeshua the Messiah have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

Since we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.



The Greek word is: ἐγκράτεια (eng-kratiah)

- 1) self-control
 - 2) the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, especially his sensual appetites
- The King Jimmy version translates this word as temperance.

The root word in the Greek is: ἐγκρατής (eng-krat-ace)

- 1) strong, robust
- 2) having power over, possession of a thing
- 3) mastering, controlling, curbing, restraining and controlling one's self

The Hebrew equivalent is: זֶה (oze)

- 1) Strength from the Lord to prevail

This is a very interesting word in the Greek, but to truly understand, we will study the Hebrew definition. The law of first mention will give us a clue. The law of first mention is a rule used in interpreting Scripture. This means that the first place a word is used in the Scripture will set the primary definition of that word throughout the rest of the Bible. This Hebrew word oze is found twice in Exodus 13. This gives us a concrete meaning of “strength that comes from the Lord”.

Exo 15:2 *The LORD is my STRENGTH and song, and He has become my salvation: He is my God, and I will prepare Him a habitation; my Father's God, and I will exalt Him.*

Exo 15:13 *In Your mercy, You have led forth the people which You have redeemed: You have guided them in Your STRENGTH to your holy habitation.*

2 Timothy 1:7 *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and SELF-CONTROL.*

If we combine all the verses, we can begin to grasp what Scripture means when speaking of self-control. It is not self-control based upon human strength. No not all, this word actually could be better defined as “Spirit-led self-governing or lordship”. A person that has this type of ripe fruit is one governed by the Ruach. The Scripture says sin is crouching at the door, waiting to defeat us, but we must master it. A person with this attribute will constantly be working on submitting his or her life to the Spirit of Yeshua. In the Messiah, God has given us everything we need for life and godliness. With the Holy Spirit inside of us, we can possess Spirit-led self-governing.

Paul writes about how to access this power in *Ephesians 6:10-17*. *“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the whole armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”*

Thought for the day

We must begin to take steps toward allowing the Spirit to govern every aspect of our lives. As you go about your day today, try and stay in constant communion with the Spirit. Ask Him to help you operate in His power and strength in every moment, whether you are at home with three young children, or home-schooling a high school student. If you are at a construction jobsite mixing mortar and laying block, or if you are in a suit at a corporate board meeting, try to make every decision in the strength that comes from the Lord.

Model prayer

Father, Help me to walk in Your strength today. I choose to put on the whole armor of God. Help me to have the power that comes from Your throne, to fully submit the leading of The Ruach in all areas of my life.

Day Ten - Shavuot

Shavuot, May 16th = Sivan 5 is the day after the 7th Sabbath, which is day 50 of Counting the Omer

We will read about the very first Shavuot.

Exodus 19:16-20 *On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. As the sound of the shofar grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.*

Exodus 20:1-18 The Lord descended to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up and God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the Earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the Earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your Father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the shofar and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear.

Now we will read about the fulfillment in the Book of Acts.

Acts 2:1-21 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome both Jews and converts to Judaism; Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues! Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, What does this mean? Some, however, made fun of them and said, They have had too much wine. Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and addressed the crowd: Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the Earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

As you think about these passages, remember what Yahweh did and what He desires to do on a future Shavuot. His promise remains. He WILL pour His Spirit out on ALL flesh. Ask God to fill you with a fresh touch of His Spirit and may you be a conduit of His power and anointing.

The Anticipation of SHAVUOT

10 Days of Prayer

10 Days of Prayer Meeting Locations

Day	Date	Time	Location	Prayer & Devotional Focus
1	Fri, May 7	6-8 pm	ACTS Campus – Sanctuary	Love
2	Sat, May 8	5 –7 pm	ACTS Campus - Sanctuary	Joy
3	Sun, May 9	6-7 pm	Farmers Market in Downtown JC 100 E Market St, Johnson City TN 37604	Peace
4	Mon, May 10	6-7 pm	Men's FIT meeting at 1085 Fodderstack MTN Loop, Greenville TN 37745, Or anyone else can go to the Farmers Market in Downtown JC	Patience
5	Tues, May 11	6-8 pm	New Moon Service at Rotary Park in JC 1001 N Broadway, Johnson City, TN 37601	Kindness
6	Wed, May 12	6-8 pm	ACTS Campus – Upstairs *Youth is meeting in Sanctuary	Goodness
7	Thurs, May 13	6-8 pm	ACTS Campus – Sanctuary	Faithfulness
8	Fri, May 14	6-8 pm	ACTS Campus – Sanctuary	Gentleness
9	Sat, May 15	5 –7 pm	ACTS Campus – Sanctuary	Self-control
10	Sun, May 16	2:00 pm	Shavuot Service ACTS Campus - Sanctuary	Love

Services

SHAVUOT



Sunday, May 16, 2021

2:00 pm

Praise & Worship

Sermon

Fellowship

Plan on bringing the following:

~ A "new offering" of yourself before the Lord,~

~Two challah loaves~

~Don't come "empty handed"~

~Pack a meal for your family to enjoy afterward~

Three times a year all your men must appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose: at the Festival of Unleavened Bread, **the Festival of Weeks** and the Festival of Tabernacles. No one should appear before the LORD empty-handed. Deuteronomy 16:16

"You shall also count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete sabbaths. 'You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh sabbath; **then you shall present a new grain offering to the LORD.** 'You shall bring in from your dwelling places **two loaves of bread for a wave offering**, made of two-tenths of an ephah; they shall be of a fine flour, baked with leaven as first fruits to the LORD. Leviticus 23:15-17

**Rosh
Chodesh**



Tuesday, May 11, 2021

6:00 pm

At Rotary Park in JC

Praise & Worship

Prayer

Fellowship

Plan on bringing the following:

~ Instruments, bible, shofars~

~Pack a meal for your family to enjoy afterward~

We rented the Harris Pavilion that is right beside the playground, we have it reserved from 4 –9 pm, you may come early and have your children play.

Please note that the park does not allow dogs.

Also at your times of rejoicing—your appointed festivals and **New Moon feasts**—you are to sound the trumpets over your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, and they will be a memorial for you before your God. I am the LORD your God." Numbers 10:10

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