

David and Yahnathan

Yoneq talked about sharing in the breaking of bread. He said you have to forget about yourself and give thanks to Him. You have to forget about yourself and not think about what people are going to think about you when you speak. That is self consciousness. Self consciousness has already gone to the cross — now we have to live it out.

ha-Emeq told a story about Yahnathan (gift from YHWH) and David. She told of the friendship that developed between them because they had the same heart that wanted to be obedient and to not let the uncircumcised Philistines oppress Israel. Yahnathan loved it when his father, King Shaul, was obedient. He loved serving with him in this way. But he watched the power go out from Shaul because of Shaul's disobedience. And he recognized the power of our God on David. David knew that YHWH was worthy to give his life to. Yahnathan loved to hear that. He had the same heart. He loved David. He wanted to make a covenant with him. They both loved YHWH.

Yahnathan gave David his coat, his undercoat, his sword, his bow, his belt. He gave him everything he had. He made a covenant with him. Gave up everything. He capitulated. He would have been heir to the throne, being Shaul's son, but he just wanted to be by David's side — he recognized the true anointing of our God and just wanted to serve him.

Shaul got jealous of David's victories for Israel. Instead of rejoicing in it, he got mad that someone else did it instead of him and he tried to kill David. Yahnathan tried to intercede for David, but eventually just helped him escape.

Yahnathan asked David to not cut off him or his family when David became King. Yahnathan was going to be loyal to David no matter what. They had a covenant together before YHWH. He was David's friend. He loved David as he loved his own self. He said "Go in peace for we have a covenant together. YHWH has stood between us and heard us and will be between our sons, too, forever. They made another covenant swearing their loyalty to each other. They cried when they had to separate. And although Yahnathan was killed in battle, David found Yahnathan's son, Mephibosheth. He did not forget the covenant he had made with Yahnathan.

Our Father never forgets either. He made a covenant with us too. He gave His only Son's life to us. That is the life that is in the cup. It is full of life. It is full of Yahnathan's coat and sword and bow. David took those things, and WE take that cup. That is why this night is different from all the other nights. Our Father swore to us to be faithful — just like Yahnathan.

Yoneq said that it would have been so wonderful if, after Shaul's disobedience (when Samuel said that the kingdom would be taken from him), Shaul had received that and said, "I sinned," and had taken his discipline. Instead, an evil spirit came to him and overpowered him and haunted him all his life. He submitted to an evil spirit. He got jealous and thought that he could rule in his own strength. His son, Yahnathan, was natural heir to the kingship, but he would have brought a false anointing had he been king. He recognized the true anointing upon David.

David and Yahnathan are reunited in their spirits today because they were resurrected with Yahshua, but someday their whole life will be resurrected. David will be king over Israel and Yahshua will be king over the whole earth. We will see them one day. We know these men, Yahnathan and David, and men like Uriah. We know them spiritually as we know our Master — we know His life and character. We want to imitate Him and His character in our own heart.

ha-Emeq said that she loved the heart of David. He did not say, "Good, I'm glad Shaul died" at Shaul's death. Instead David made a song that he made all Israel sing to weep for him (2 Sam 1:19-27). He did not have a glad feeling that his trouble had come to an end, but had a heart of respect for Shaul.

Yoneq said that in the New Covenant, we do not swear or take vows, oaths, etc., like Yahnathan and David swore to each other. All we say is yes. That is strong. That is a covenant based upon Messiah's authority. That is all that we have to say. In baptism we say yes. If it turns out to be *no*, then it turns out to have been of evil origin.

When our Master went to the center of the earth and saw Yahnathan and Shaul, He separated them. That was when separation came to them. Shaul is still in death. Yahnathan went with Yahshua when he went and robbed hell of all the saints. He made a public spectacle of the evil one and all of his evil spirits.

Unless we are nourished by our Master's life, body and blood, then there is no life in us. Unless we live week by week, month by month, by His Spirit, then we will not experience life with Him. That is what we do tonight.

We eat his body and drink His blood. That is what we do all week long.

ha-Emeq shared that tonight the children were really paying attention while she was telling the story; they were really with her. She said that sometimes she does not *have* them, but when she does, she can tell and the children can really receive what is being said. She said that she wants our Father to feel the same way about her — that she will just receive and listen to Him. She wants to hear Him. She said that Sholomo (Jonathan Elezar's son) listens the way he does because his father is the same way. But it is even magnified in Sholomo because it is honoring the heart of his father.

Barachah said that what is going to build this tribe is people like Yahnathan who are not seeking their own glory, but want to give glory to their king.