

Sharing the Little that You Have

Story about Malachi

ha-Emeq told a story about a boy named Malachi who lived up in the mountains above the sea of Galilee. She said that the whole world needs to learn a lesson from this boy. He was the only son of a poor fisherman. His parents named him Malachi after the last prophet in Israel. Israel had not heard from God for so, so long. Malachi means my messenger. They called him Malachi because they hoped that maybe their God would send a prophet to speak to them.

His father had seen a big commotion of people on the seashore when he was fishing. He tried to find out who it was that so many people were gathering to see. He did not hear his name, but he knew he wanted to hear about it. He went home and told his young son to go down and listen to this man. This boy's abba and imma gave him a basket full of all the food they had. Malachi did not want to take the food. It was all his parents had — five loaves of barley bread that his imma had made and two salted fish that his abba had caught. But he was obedient to them and took the basket. He was afraid, but he went all the way there, not even stopping to eat because he wanted to get there right away.

Malachi went all the way up front so he could hear. He listened and forgot all about his lunch. That man was telling how to be a disciple. When people around him started noticing his food, Malachi made sure it was right in front of him. That man, Yahshua, was saying that if you had two of something and someone wanted one, give them both. And if someone wants your coat, give it to them and give them your shirt too. And if he wants to be a disciple, a man has to give up all of his possessions. And if your enemy is hungry — feed him.

Malachi noticed that he was squeezing his basket too tightly. It was kind of selfish. He wanted to have eternal life. This must be the Messiah, the One his abba always talked about. He heard the disciples talking about maybe sending the people away to get something to eat. And then he heard Yahshua say, "Give them bread yourself. Feed them." Us? How can we?

Malachi remembered what Yahshua had said: if you want to be His disciple, you have to give up everything. He didn't have anything except for the food in this basket. He told one of the disciples as they walked by, "Here's my basket. Give it to Yahshua."

"What's in it?" Andrew asked.

"Five barley loaves that my imma made, and two salted fish from my abba. It's all I have." Malachi watched as Yahshua blessed it. He was happy that Yahshua was going to eat it. But then he watched as everyone ate it. And some even came to him and he even ate some of that delicious bread and fish. What happened to Malachi's gift to Yahshua? What happened when Malachi gave up everything? Why did everyone get to eat lunch out of Malachi's basket?

What happens when someone gives up everything he has? Anyone who gives up houses, farms, brothers, mothers for Yahshua's sake will receive a hundred times more. There were twelve big full baskets of food left over. Andrew brought Malachi back his basket full of pieces of bread and fish. Malachi had much more than that basket of food to take back to his abba and imma. He was a messenger to them to tell them that they had found the Messiah.

Nahum shared that if only a few break their bodies now, it will multiply and multiply and become the twelve tribes — like those twelve baskets will be full. And that nourishment will bless the whole world.

Ben Nabiyy talked about our little bit that seems like nothing, if we give it up, with this our Master will be able to feed his people, to save all those who hunger for true food.

Then Yoneq gave a word of instruction about when guests are in the room with us for the story and while we have the victory cup: Let us not tell people that they cannot lift their hands up with us when we pray. For the next 50 or 60 years or so we are going to be doing this and we will not be able to tell people not to do it all the time. And it is rude to tell people that. Someday when we have gatherings of hundreds of thousands of people and there are 50,000 people from the nations there, are you going to go around telling people they cannot lift their hands up? You would have to have people there all the time making sure nobody does something he

should not do. If we are going to invite unbelievers in here, then you cannot be a big policeman going around telling people what they can and cannot do.

If they lift their hands up, our Father is not going to get mad at them. It is not that they are doing some awful thing. The world *should* acknowledge their Creator. They can lift their hands up if they want to. Let them go ahead and do it. They will know they are doing an empty thing — just imitating. It will be more convicting. So let them go ahead and do it.

Someone suggested that we can explain it to people before we go into the room and tell them why they shouldn't do it.

Yoneq replied that we should NOT do that. Just let them go ahead and do it. Maybe if they have been living with us for a few weeks we can explain it to them, but otherwise just let them do it. So pass that on.

[Someone clarified that this was in regard to lift up hands but was not the same as laying hands on someone.]

Emiko said that the story had given her vision that the little that she is doing now, if she gives herself to this little thing, will save the world, many people. She really wants to give herself.

Ephriam expressed faith that if we give up half of the community to go to this trip to Santiago de Compostela that our Father is going to take care of all the needs. He was thankful for that little boy. He said he wants to have a heart like a little boy.

Ahimilech — Yahshua had compassion and wanted to feed those who were physically hungry, how much more does he want to feed those who are spiritually hungry.

Daniel Cleveland shared that what he saw from the story was that Malachi didn't want to take the food with him, but he was obedient to his parents and did it anyway. And that if he hadn't been obedient to that, that Yahshua would not have been able to feed all those people. He saw that if we are obedient in small things that our Father can do great things.

AMEN.

When you are in the valley of Baca and it is dry and you feel like you do not have anything — it is when you do give at that time, that is what brings a blessing. Because then you turn that dry valley into springs of water.

Otherwise it is like burying your talent. No matter how little it is, not giving what you have is a wicked thing.

That is what keeps the Body back. The rebuke did not go to a ten-talent person, it went to the one-talent person because there are more people with one talent than ten, and that is what holds the Body back is the one talent person not giving what they have. Then all you have is the ten-talent people speaking all the time. That is what destroys the Body — not turning that valley of Baca into springs of water.

I'm thankful that our Master says that we must overcome. When you do something because you feel really good in your feelings that isn't anything. It's when you have to overcome your feelings that you do not have anything that incurs a blessing. I'm thankful that the one talent ones who did not give were cast out. They deserve to be where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. They were selfish. They did not give when they felt dry. Who is our Master going to commend? Those who gave when they felt good? Or those who gave anyway when they felt dry? Our Father wants to defeat the enemy. If you are going to be selfish and just sit there because you do not feel like you have anything, then you are doing it all for yourself. But it is a totally spiritual thing — we do it for Yahshua's sake. We are warriors — if we feel deserted by men and forsaken by God, we overcome. People who do that are the ones our Father can use. If we do not do that and just go by how we are feeling — that is self worship. You might as well sit there and worship your feelings, always mindful and aware of your feelings, you will not do anything when you feel dry. But if you give what you have, our Father will add to what you have. He will add words to you.

Uriah Gebar shared that the small thing that Milkah had shared earlier had really encouraged him.

ha-Emeq said that because Milkah had overcome her feelings and did not worship her feelings but worshipped Yahshua instead, it fed her brother. It is a wonderful lesson to learn, if we could really understand what Yoneq is saying. I heard that from the beginning. And it is always the same. You do not know it is your feelings. You think I am just this way or that way. And you go in there and worship your feelings because it always tricks you.

You do not think it is feelings at the time. Some people do not do anything except what they are feeling. They are tricked. I'm thankful for that foundation. So that I notice when it is my feelings. It is in my foundation to

not be that way and to honor Yahshua and be obedient for His sake. I am not any way that is a good way naturally. But I want to honor Yahshua to do His will.

Haggai — I saw yesterday when Hadashah was suffering in labor and she was taking it so good and I saw that she takes my seed and suffers to bring it to life. I saw that it was like us with Yahshua — He has chosen us to suffer to bring about His life. If that faithful people that has been chosen put out what He has put in us they are going to bring that male child about. It is through us if we give out what he puts in us.

I saw her suffering to bring about my life. It is so precious. And Yahshua gave us His seed to bring about His life. I want to be faithful to put out what He has put in me and not be held back by my flesh or intimidation or anything. Like that little boy gave up what he had and it brought about a great thing. I am thankful that Yahshua chose us to put something in us to bring about His will on the earth.

Gidon shared his thankfulness for Yahshua and how he wanted to be dependent on Him.

Yoneq said that Gidon had probably suffered a great deal to speak that out. You have to suffer to give out His life just like Hadashah had to suffer to give out Haggai's life.

Yoneq expressed his thankfulness for Kepha. He is a man of hospitality; it just exudes from him. He *practices* hospitality. Hospitality says more than 10,000 words.

Instruction about Rules

Yoneq had another word of instruction: I do not want that there would be any rules here. For instance, like a rule that says that women cannot talk to men guests. That keeps a woman from talking to a man when the Holy Spirit wants her to. It keeps us from being led by the Spirit. What we need is wisdom, not rules. We need to be led by the Spirit, not rules. When I heard that I thought that it cannot be true that women cannot talk to men guests. Sometimes it might not be wisdom to do it. It is not wisdom to cast your pearls before swine. And there are a lot of swine that come through here; all they give you is an argument. But what if someone asks you about the hope you have. Are you going to say, "Wait a minute, let me get an older man to talk to you." Well, they are not going to be interested in *your* hope.

So let's say that everyone can talk to anyone they want to if they are led by the Spirit. If you are not being led by the Spirit, we can instruct you in the way of the truth. Now, women who barge ahead of men in speaking to men guests — well they are not being let by the Spirit.

I have never instructed my wife to not talk to men. If something happens, you don't have to talk to them. You have self restraint; we are all adults. We do not have rules and regulations like that — it is cultish. If we are not being led by the Spirit, a brother or sister with greater wisdom can instruct you on that. If a new sister, three months old has a gift of talking to people but it is not a spiritual gift but purely natural, we can tell her to wait a little while for maturity, etc.

But when we started, if you were three months in the Body you were practically an elder. If you were three months in the Body, you could really talk to people. That is how we started. People talking to people, telling them what they know. Beggars telling other beggars where they found bread. We are going to knock that rule down. If a woman has a gift of talking to people and leading people to Messiah, that is better than a dried up man. If the men don't have any manliness, then the women have to speak.

So let's speak out of love. That is the reason we speak to guests — because we love Yahshua. Now if there is a woman always going to the male guests and not the female guests, then we know there is something wrong with that person and we need to talk to her. But to have a rule — no. Then we would start living under laws and rules. We are not going to do that.

Unless you *want* to live under the law. The Galatians wanted to live under the law. They craved it (Gal 4:21). It is easy to go into rules and regulations. You do not have to have the Holy Spirit to live under that. Maybe it would be better that certain women would not talk to male guests, but do not set up a rule that goes for everybody.