

Child Training — Getting Back On Course

We desire to be a twelve-tribed nation, but we see that some of us have gone off course in child training. If you go from point A to point C, you go through point B. But if you miss point B by one millimeter, by the time you have traveled far enough to get to point C, you are a thousand miles away from point C. We have to be right on course in order to get to where we intend to go. So we have to get back on the foundation of child training. The foundation of child training is that the spirit of your child (and the spiritual condition of your child) is under control, surrendered to you, yielding to you, because in their spirit they know that you are their abba, their source. Just like us — we are children of our Abba. We are submitted to our Abba, our covering. When we don't want to submit to our covering, something in us rises up. The fruit of not being submitted in your spirit is being disobedient. So we discipline our children to bring them back to that submission in their spirits to our spirit. Otherwise they are out of protection from other spirits. We bring them back to our spirit on the narrow way — in the way they should go.

It's becoming clear that the tribe of Levi has gone off course in that way. Maybe it wasn't taken so seriously and excuses were made in certain things. But if you are off course in the beginning, you are *NOT* going to get to the intended destination. That's why our Father gave us the word and the Proverbs — so we can stay on course. That's our map. If we could get there another way, He wouldn't have given us all these exact instructions.

Drifting is an unconscious process, drifting off course. But you cannot just get back on course — you have to return to where you went off and then go forward. Here we have gone off course by not upholding a normal standard while teaching class, letting children talk back or out of turn — things abnormal for Israel. Some children have been sent out of class. They have to have understanding why they are out of class and have vision how to get back in, back on the way to *bar mitzvah*. There is an accountability. Whoever is accountable has to become clean and turn around and go the other way. Maybe there is not one single person who is at fault. But sometimes people see something and don't do or say anything about it. So we all have to take accountability for our part. The sickness the tribe went through is supposed to strengthen the Body. The only way that can happen is if each one of us can recognize his own accountability.

How many knew you were off course? So how did we let it go off course? If you know it's off course, then you *HAVE* to say something or you are accountable. Who let it go off course?

Here in Germany it came out when a situation was not judged right. The rabbis had a real standard and it was very clear, but it was not possible because the children were not under control. Some felt that the teachers exasperated them by over-disciplining them. So some fault was put on them, but actually it was the fault of the parents not having their children under control. Although there was no real change with the children, they just went ahead with training as it was because of the pressure of the government for our training.

Eli's Sons

The rabbi must be full of the Holy Spirit; he judges by the spirit. Perhaps the rabbi was exacting; another factor is that children were out of control. Still another factor is the iniquity of Levi, not being aware of their lack of control of their sons. We have Eli's example; it is even in the *bar mitzvah* teachings, though we hadn't yet singled it out as "the sin of the tribe of Levi." There was something in Eli's flesh that kept him from controlling his sons, something that was mixing him up, keeping him from having good judgment with his sons. Surely it's not a coincidence that Levi has this weakness and then our Father allows this tribe such a great enemy in the school board wanting to get those children. Look at the first men of the tribe. It's their children who are making them or breaking them.

In other tribes child training is an issue, but here it is the major thing. Soreph Gamaliel says he really failed to go to the throne for Isaiah. He failed to pray for Isaiah. Now he prays for him all the time, but he should have been praying for him BEFORE he fell away. He told us about something that Raphael Lamb had shared about

his abba, Andrew Lamb. He said that years ago Raphael was going through a turbulent time as a youth, and his abba had said something to him, and Raphael had defiantly walked away, going out and closing the door. But he felt bad inside so stopped just outside the door and peered back into the room through a crack in the door. It broke Raphael's heart as he could see his abba, falling to his knees and was crying out to our Father for his son Raphael. It made him want to repent (Eph 6:3-4; Col 3:21).

Exasperating Children

Some were concerned that the rabbis were exasperating the children. But the rabbis' exacting ways brought out the rebellion that was *REALLY* in the children. Eph 6:4 says to bring them up in the discipline and admonition of Yahweh, because if you don't you might provoke them to anger. The children are to be obedient to their parents in all things. So that means that the parents are to discipline their children for disobedience in all things. But then it says don't *exasperate* them. Right before that he is saying to discipline them on the first command for all things. It would be off to think that teachers who discipline on the first command for all things are *exasperating* the children. *Exasperating* is having different standards. It says it is well pleasing to our Father for them to be obedient in all things. It is not *exasperating* to our children if we bring them up to obey in all things. The judgment should have been that their exasperation came from having different standards at home and in training, or that their abba has one standard and their imma another. The teachers should have the same standard as the parents. What *IS* the standard? Obedience in all things. So let's not misunderstand the word *exasperate*.

It's normal that the spirit of your child is under the control of your spirit. His spirit is in subjection to you. You rule over him. If you don't, it's like you are not his father. The government in Germany wants the state to rule over the spirit of the child. That's the spirit above Germany, a spirit of the world.

The fruit was that there *were* exasperated children, so we know there *were* different standards. Perhaps people *did* speak, but weren't heard. If our Father's standard is discipline on the first command, it's not too hard. We cannot make excuses for our children. Also, people saw things, but they were just pointing the finger and that didn't help anybody.

Receiving Accusations

One time in Sus ha-emeq was doing a skit. It involved *all* the children in Sus and they were excited. She thought she had them relatively under control in the excited circumstances that they were in. There are situations where you have to judge about even the amount of energy you will allow. And sometimes we don't judge exactly right, but we cannot turn against each other. Another brother was there and he was looking on, not saying anything, but she just felt like he was not approving of it. But he wasn't helping. It gave her a terrible feeling. Later he repented for receiving an accusation against her and stepping away from her in his heart. She could feel it when he did. It was awful. One of the brothers admitted to being intimidated to go to some of the parents with his concern about their children because *THEY* are the shepherds and he saw himself as the "younger brother" being raised up. Some said they were just glad that Yoneq was coming so they might get help to get out of this somehow. But the Holy Spirit speaks through all of us. We have to listen to everyone. Wisdom and discernment comes through all of us.

It is possible to use the fact that one is a "younger brother" as an excuse for having accusations. It's not a justification for siding with the accuser. If we see things, we have to come in a humble way. But if we have an accusation, then we have to see that Satan got his way. He divided brothers. It's a trap. You can see why someone would think that way, but it's a trap.

We can see one thing now. Yesterday we said that all unruly children would be sent out of training, and today one child was sent out of training. Children who were taken out of training because they cannot be taught because they are out of control shouldn't be taught separately; they should first have to be brought under control. Probably because of pressure from the government the parents think that they must go on with training for them anyway. But that is how two standards came in.

We cannot succumb to that fear of trying to measure up to the standards of the state. Germany has a very high

standard. It is not our standard. In France we have tried to comply the best we could, but we don't have to comply; we have our Father on our side. It doesn't mean we can be rebellious, but we don't have to be *obedient* — we can be *submissive*. The government is going to try to destroy, yet our Father laughs at them. We have to continue to have a standard in teaching our children, and if there is a better way, employ it; but we will never meet up to their standard. It wouldn't be much of a feat for our Father to preserve us if we are doing everything perfectly that He wants us to do. You have to know who you are. You are the Stone that is going to crush the Statue. The Holy learn different things than the nations. "Where's your grade for standing through suffering, being honest, respecting your father, and receiving your discipline? You don't have any grades for this? You must be going to a different school."

Approval

Do not just discipline your children. Tell them what they did and that it was wrong and they are guilty. Then they should admit that it is true. If we come down on them with nit-picky things, they might not be able to see their guilt. But if it's an act of disobedience, then we must not overlook it. If our children have approval, affirmation, then they will change and be able to receive. But if we just wear our children out with talking, going on and on, we will exasperate them. Child training is really a big thing, isn't it? Just approve of the children whenever there is possibly the chance. Brag on them a little bit. Discipline them to cleanse them, not to coerce them in a certain way. You do it for their sake because they need it to be clean.

If a child is unworthy to be taught, his parents should repent to him because the way they brought him up made him unworthy to be taught. We have to let our children know if we went off. You can say, "I have allowed this in my life. I'm sorry. It's going to change. I'm going to receive help and it's going to change." It's not the child's fault; it's the parents' fault. Once they have repented they will stand in the gate about such things. And they will approve of their children.