

With a Simple Heart

In the beginning we didn't have any guitars when we got together. We just sang and sang and then finally some people with guitars came. At first we didn't know the difference and we had beautiful singing without a piano. It proves we can do it.

I'm thankful we can all come here with *prudence* (Ecc 5:1) – “Walk prudently to the house of YHWH and draw near (to hear) to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools.”When we hear Him speak to us and we speak it out loud, then others (by hearing us speak) receive faith to speak. We come here to *first* hear from Him (Ex 29:42). It's wonderful we can do this and have the confidence that we hear from Him and have wisdom (like the wise virgins). I came to hear what He wants to speak to us. He gives us faith and we are persuaded to speak. It's not complicated. It's a simple thing of the heart, the simplicity of our Master.

Hobab – Pr 21:13 – *“He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be answered.”*We're learning to grow up. We have so many deficiencies in our character, but if we do what we are hearing then our Father will increase us.

Heb 4:16 – We're proud if we don't get that grace. Our brother needs us. No one wants to be caught in a trespass. We need grace for our brother in his time of need.

Anav – I have been thinking about what was shared earlier, how stones are chosen. It takes a willing, receptive heart to be gathered. Ps 36:7 – We must become like a little child, receptive and needy.

Rachel – I was thinking about our Master being the cornerstone. A cornerstone is on the bottom of the foundation, not on the top. Our Master isn't way up on the top, but He lifts us up.

But the day will come when He has finally built us up and then He will be the *capstone* who holds it all together.

Haninah – I was reading 2 Thessalonians and it says to be thankful for one another. Our faith and love for one another increases through the trials we go through. We help one another. In the world we didn't get that kind of support.

Bynah – I'm thankful for the suffering I go through. We can get through it if we humble ourselves while we are going through it. Then we don't just have empty words when we reach out to someone who is going through something, but we understand because we have gone through the same suffering. That's who we seek out when we are going through things – someone we know can relate to us. Then we can extend His heart to one another. I want to be thankful in the midst of my suffering and be humble and go through it.

Chazaq (who is visiting from Boston) is a representation of what the gospel is. He left everything behind (including his wife and children) to follow our Master. There are three places where it talks about this – Mt 19:29; Mk 10:29; Lk 18:29. The NU took *wife* out. The NKJ took it out, too. The NU changed it around some (the monks who were translating it), but they forgot one passage. They took it out in Mt and Mk, but they forgot to take it out of Lk 18:29. They weren't thorough in their translation. If they had seen it they would have taken it out of there, too.

Chazaq left *everything* and he will have 100 fold in this life – 100 houses, children, wives (whatever that means). That's what will come to him for his loyalty and devotion to our Master. Mk 10:17 asks *“What do I do?”* In another translation it says, *“What will there be for us?”* Verse 30 answers, *“now, in this present age ...”* Something happens in this age, *“he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms but with persecutions.”* We can expect to be persecuted if we are devoted to our Master like He says. You can't get out of it. And when it comes people are driven out of the Body who haven't given up everything. Only those who are loyal and faithful to our Master will remain. And in the next age we'll have eternal life.

In Island Pond those that were there like Raphael and Mary Martha gave up their houses, but they didn't mind because they had eternal life. And even though we were in Tennessee, the tribe of Yehudah really started in Island Pond.

Chazaq – Years ago I wanted to obey the gospel, but I didn't know how to do it until I met people who did it. It was more than just words, it was a reality.

I noticed something today when I went on a job with another brother. We worked on a house by the ocean that had taken a beating over the years. It needed a lot of work, but I looked out the window and saw the vastness of the ocean and thought of how our Father created it, and also the beautiful, blue sky. It is the same as it was years ago. Our Father wants us to fall in love with the things He's created. He created us and He helps us overcome.

We are a new creation. He created everything for us.

ha-emeq – When we sing the beautiful song "Creator of All" like we did in Washington I get all these images in my mind like a movie of salmon and the sun and other things of nature so deliciously beautiful. For the Washington video, Zimrah (Neriah's wife) put the pictures to the song (like the eagles) and at the end of the song you saw a little child's face on the screen for a long time. It affects you to see an undefiled human being, the greatest of all creations of our Father. There's so much potential in an innocent child's face. Our Father is taking away our complicatedness and we are becoming like little children. In the world the evil one gets people to be complicated and people end up in mental hospitals or try to kill themselves because of it. The evil one exalts in complexities and he tries to make us stay that way. When Uriah Geber first came he was such a complicated person, so proud of the way he played the violin. He was a master musician, but he had to learn to become like a little child (like it says in Acts 2 – "*with gladness and simplicity of heart*"). Our life is not an easy one; everything is not just hunky-dory, but we can become like a little child.

Our Father is ripping down the complicated things the evil one has created. When Uriah wrote the song, "*With a simple heart*" it was so wonderful because our Father changed his heart and he could write such a simple song. He had revelation because he was being like a little child. I want to be simple and have a simple heart and not be complicated.

Tamar – In the story that ha-emeq told at breaking of bread the Sanhedrin were surprised at the things that were coming out of Peter and John. It's like those of us who were raised in the Body. We haven't become complicated in our minds like people who have gone to college. That's the way Peter and John were and yet they were speaking like learned men because of their purity and sincerity of heart and it caused people to be convicted in their hearts. I really want to find the key to being simple like they were. They saw our Master and that's why they could speak with such conviction and I want to see our Master in that way, too.

Our children learn how to speak by doing oral reports and in speech class. They can speak here twice a day and learn to get over their fear of speaking in public.

Yachin – John and Peter could speak that way because they simply had received in their hearts everything that our Master had taught them. And it's the same today. We don't try to raise up our children to astound the world by what they say, but they will convict people because they speak from what they heard by sitting under the anointing all these years.

It will have a galvanizing effect that will startle the world. There is a great need for us to pray for those that are lost in the world. Our Father has us pray for them so that "*no one will perish*". He wants us to *desire* them.

We were desired. Someone prayed for us. We want His children to be born again and come into this family and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.