

Way-Out Houses and Cottage Industry

Shoresh — I remember very clearly when Yônêq had a meeting and called me into it, and said, “I think that this man has something in his heart about cottage industry.” I was pretty insecure, but from the time I was brought into that meeting and prayed for, I had that security that that was what I was supposed to do.

I remember we wanted to make a big step forward and I needed \$700. Somebody said Yônêq was going to be there, and then I could tell Yônêq about it. Yônêq asked what the need was. I said, “I need \$700.” Yônêq looked me right in the eyes and said, “Have you been praying for this money?” I said, “Yes.” Then Daniel said there was someone in Boston who had received an inheritance. Yônêq said, “Good. Give him that money.”

I remember in 1993 it was a very difficult time in Manasseh. They called Derush in Boston. “Only after you’ve struggled and cried out will you grow.” He quoted Jeremiah about it.

I knew there were needy people in Rutland, and so I wanted to go there to find those. I remember driving there, and praying, “Abba, I just want to do your will.” I was driving around all day, not finding anything. Finally I pulled into a real estate agency and asked whether she knew any place in a residential neighborhood where I could start a cottage industry. My daughter Shuah was with me; back then she was just 7. The woman showed me that former grocery that had closed right in the neighborhood.

Yônêq said one time that if you have faith you can do nothing to cause it to go away, it will only grow over time. Shuah reminds me sometimes that I laid my hands on that building and prayed for it.

I don’t get much motivation out of working for money, but I really liked what Yônêq gave us for a foundation for cottage industry. We should pass it on, but I haven’t been as faithful to pass it on as I should be. I also like it that he said, “Don’t worry about competition; we just do the best, and our Father will take care of the rest.” That’s what I attribute to the fact that our Father blessed us.

We didn’t have any books, so we just had to ask people, since we didn’t know anything. We knew the head of a lab, and he finally told us anything we wanted to know.

So maybe we should just start treating people the way I was treated. I wondered, “What did Yônêq see in me? I had never done anything with cottage industry.”

One of the great attributes of Shoresh is that he makes a wonderful workplace for his workers, better than the righteous men of the world who look out for their workers. If you look at the place in Rutland it couldn't have been better, or now in Cambridge, by the leading of the Holy Spirit — it's just marvelous. People in the world who are righteous don't just give their employees minimum wage, they get good people, treat them well, and then they get better. Our Father blesses this man, and is continuing to do so.

Shoresh — That's just the foundation you put us on. In the *Authority* teachings the last one is the *Reasoning* teaching, that one everyone should know who is going to be involved in doing cottage industry. In there it talks about the tendency in men to drown in their work. Our Father's good pleasure is in the fruit of our hands. If He's pleased with us, we're going to prosper. We just have to find these people who have those dormant gifts and it's going to happen.

Eph 4:11-16 — You have to see the potential in the gifts that are dormant and you have to give them the keys. We say that it's our responsibility to awaken these things in men. A leader is one who delegates and who is not afraid to delegate to others. Leaders work themselves out of their job; they don't hang on. Otherwise our Father can never use you. We have to be faithful in small things so we can be given greater responsibility; that's how we'll grow. You'll have a council once a year in your community to find out whether everyone is properly adjusted or readjusted in the place where they ought to be. That doesn't just happen. The Holy Spirit doesn't do it apart from us. Eph 4:12 — The shepherd knows their gifts, what they are qualified to do, their latent potential. Then there are the teachers, of course. It's required of us to do these things in each community.

Way-Out Houses and Buses

I wanted to share just a little bit about our long-range vision for cottage industry. For years we've been looking forward to things. Many, many cities are outside of our tribal area. We won't live in all of the United States, for example; some areas are outside of our tribal areas, but we have to cover them all. We have to increase travel; we'll be part of that phenomenon in Dan 12:4. Buses will be going back and forth; there will be an exchange of brothers and sisters, a rotation, people being trained for the cafés, resting on the Shabbat, guests coming to our way-out houses, which are outside of our tribal areas (but they are the way in).

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. (Mt 24:14)

This demonstration of love and unity has to be perfectly lived out. We have to be distinguished from others.

So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him. (Mal 3:18)

We'll have many way-out houses. We'll start with one, then add others. Eventually we'll have many buses. I want to give you vision for the long-range goal of our way-out houses. Of course, they'll sell our products. So these stores that we'll have in different cities or townships outside of our tribal area will be selling our products from our cottage industries. These products will be transported along with the brothers and sisters who will rotate. Of course, everyone won't rotate at the same time, but there will be overlap, so there is always someone left to train others. We'll have a big area in our buses for our products. We'll get out of trucking, and we'll have so many buses. There will be many cottage industries. It will be coordinated and overseen. We want to get out of trucks. We'll just put the goods in the storage compartments below the buses that travel in our regions of light.

The way-out houses are not just for business, but also for evangelism, so people can see our life. Then, when they are ready, we'll take them back on our buses. They'll go back to Cambridge, for example, because that's where they'll get their foundation as disciples. The way-out houses will be for evangelism and for meeting pressing needs. Tit 3:1-2 speaks of the good works we will one day be judged by. If we failed in the good works here, we'll be judged one day. They had to be ready to do every good work. In verse 8 it says,

This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

These are good and profitable for men (Eph 2:10; 4:12), the works of service which the leaders of the communities will be adjusting the people in the communities to do.

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...who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. (Tit 2:14)

People will go back and forth, and back and forth, but no one will go if their behavior in the communities is not blameless. Someone said there are 250 towns in New Hampshire. So they should go to 250 towns. We have to be in every town. In New York there are not just 250 but 2,500 towns, or more. Every town has to have a community. In every place we will lift up holy hands without wrath or dissension; they will observe our behavior. We have to be blameless.

Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension. (1 Tim 2:8)

No strife, no anger, no dissension. Is that right? Can we do that? If we go to the morning minchah and we are filled with the Holy Spirit, and we are filled with love, then how are we going to live this day? Like our Master. Perfectly. I'm not saying we're never

going to fail. We'll sin, but if we walk in the light we'll see it. If you don't think you can do it, you'd better not think you're saved.

We'll have hundreds of buses in every tribe. It might not be hundreds, but many in each region. We might drop off products along the way, stop and dance along the way. We'll have hundreds of communities, and thousands of disciples. When the foundation is laid and has hit solid rock, then the building goes up. It hasn't hit solid rock yet. It can't be on the sand. That's the foundation every tribe is establishing right now in every tribe. We'd better not start building until we are on that solid rock.

He is like a man building a house who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. (Lk 6:48)

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It doesn't say we can just travel around all the time and live on welfare, but it says to provide the necessary needs. So you can see that will be an abundant, overflowing life. We'll have meetings and develop this. But the foundation is still being laid; it hasn't reached solid rock yet. There are still many loose rocks, untested rocks, untested stones. When we go to events, we don't just send anyone out, or our unapproved children, just to give someone an adventure, but we send our best to seek and save the lost.

First of all, evangelism, then provide the pressing needs. We'll never be able to make enough money to buy houses or industries. That will come in from the nations. If we're really praying, the riches should be coming in, or no one will come in, so there will be no one to give up a house. In Chattanooga we filled up one house, the next day we got another house, we filled that up, and got another house. We didn't have any money, but they always held the note. We might have paid \$400 down.

Someone had this desire long ago, get on buses and drive around, but now it will be for a purpose.

Daniel — I've heard these stories of how they filled up house after house, and it always fills me up. We didn't have any bank mortgages; we just had faith and our Father. We need to remember these stories. It's so hard to put yourself in our Father's hands and rest there.

Dt 8:1-3 — There are times that we can look back to in each of our tribes because our Father intended it that way, to teach us something. Our Father led the very sons that He loved. Our Father was trying to show them that it's not by bread alone, but by everything that comes from our Father.

You can see the day coming that we'll have buses and way-out houses and cottage industries, but we can't forget these things.

That's what Dt 8:2 says, "I tested you so you would know what is in your heart."

Back when we got the place in Cambridge, several hundred thousand dollars, we had opportunity to work for it. *Origins* bought it for us and we worked for them for a few years until they had to drop us because of the bad reports about us in the press. They couldn't risk their multi-million dollar industry by being associated with us. There was a tremendous debt left, but *Origins* just canceled the debt. It was because of integrity. They knew we were good people. Have you seen that beautiful place? And now we're using the experience and equipment we gained to develop our own products.

Shoresh — They knew all along we had our children involved. They just couldn't afford the media exploiting it all. In one meeting, they had sent one man up to see all the equipment that was set up. It was hard to think of losing it because we had worked really hard. They thought of taking all the equipment. We had hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of equipment. Then I got called to a meeting in New York. They had two men in the room. The one knew us from the beginning and knew all about how we do things. We made a mistake one time, and it messed up 3000 jars of salt rub. We called them and said we wanted to make it right by giving them seven-fold (21,000) for free. They were silent on the phone; they didn't know how to deal with it, but they accepted.

This man was now on the hot seat, because he had always fought for us, defended us. The other man was really tough; I had never been treated like this by those people. He explained how much it all added up to. I got really quiet. I said, "I'm not in a bargaining position." Then the one man who knew us took him out. For 15 minutes I was just staring. They

came back and the other man's tone was very different. Then I drove home.

A few days later, they said, "We want you to have the farm, and you can keep the equipment. All we want you to give us is the two mixers." We didn't even need them; they were just for the salt rub. There was a big piece of equipment that we had just bought for an investment in the future, and they paid off the balance. After our press conference they said they agreed with everything we said. All we've experienced in our county since then has been support, because we didn't back down.

Now we have a \$1,000,000 farm; its value skyrocketed. Our Father gave it to us. We need to continue to pray for the wealth of the nations, as we have been commanded to. It's not that we're greedy, but we want people to get saved from going to destruction, which they will if they are rich.