

Overcoming is Normal

We gathered together to witness the dedication of the second daughter of Chets Barur and Hayeh...

Chets Barur — While we were here for the landscaping of the visitor center, Yônêq gave a teaching from Rev 3, which was the inspiration for her name. In verses 10-13 it says, “Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which will come upon the whole world to test those who dwell on the earth... He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more, and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, that comes down out of heaven from My God, and I will write on him My new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the Edah.”

What we saw through this was that it isn't enough that we would just persevere in the Body, year by year, and “mind our P's and Q's,” and not make waves. But we have to be those who *overcome*, who put the enemies of our Father underfoot, the enemies that wage war against our souls every day. We wouldn't just be here, floating through the community day by day, week by week, year by year, just existing, but we'd actually be overcoming.

This month in the Intertribal News the first article about our first love really spoke to me, because it went along with what was in our hearts for our daughter's name. *(He read from the article...)* “*In the busyness of our daily lives we can drift away and become lukewarm, without even noticing it. Then there will be no more songs of praise on our lips to the One who saved us from the storm. We will no longer deeply appreciate the Bridge that rescued us and brought us back to the Father. We will forget to acknowledge Him, and our days will become mundane, falling under the normal principles under which every other human functions during his short life under the sun. But we have the possibility to experience the “magic” of being directed every step of our day into the perfect way of Yahweh... If we begin to fall into such a state of numbness we will never see the amazing things that our Father would want to do for us every day. How many times do we struggle through matters without even mentioning His name? We may have long meetings trying to figure out a problem, analyzing it from every angle, but we do not remember Him. It is only in acknowledging Him that we are promised that He will actually direct us, help us figure out which way to go, and how to solve our perplexing problems. When He is directing us, the most wonderful and*

amazing things happen in the midst of the most ordinary activities. This is the “magic” aspect of our lives that no one else has access to. But it only happens to those who acknowledge Him.”

That’s really what we had in our heart for our daughter, that regardless of what she does through her life, whether it seems mundane or ordinary, we want her to be connected to that magical aspect that causes us to transcend beyond just the physical things we do. We’re not here just to exist, just to put another meal on the table. We’re here to bring about our Father’s purpose on the earth. That’s what we want to raise our daughter into.

“If we do not continually pray to be delivered from the evil one, as we’ve been exhorted to, then we will fall just like the first church. Beware that apathy does not masquerade as maturity (that famous proverb from the Vine House days).”

We want you all to help us to raise our daughter to not be someone who is just breathing without knowing what she’s breathing for, like so many millions of people who are conceived without a purpose.

Hayeh — When we were thinking about her name, it became really clear to me that overcoming is just something normal, not some far-out concept, or something mystical, like, “One day we’re going to overcome and make it to the Kingdom.” But in every little thing that happens in our life we have to overcome, have that transcending life of our Master.

Our Master is the bridge, the only way to the Father, the only way to transcend the way the world is going. There’s always a downward pull of evil in all of our lives, in my life, that causes me to not overcome, to not have that transcending life, not to increase.

I remember the teaching Yônêq gave about the “Roadmap to the Kingdom,” about how we’re not going to make it unless we have all diligence, and add to our faith valor... Our life can’t just be a concept. It has to be played out with actual diligence in everything we do, and that overcoming that goes against the downward spiral. We can’t let the second law of thermodynamics rule our lives, or we will never make it to the Kingdom.

I want with all my heart that our daughter would be someone who would seek after that power that we’ve been talking about, and have power over her enemies, and be able to rule over the things that would pull her down.

It's not an easy thing to raise a child. I know that everything that's in my heart for her is also going to have to be at work in my life. *(In tears...)* I have to overcome the things that hold me back in order to teach her that same way. I want her to be like the woman who is clothed with the sun and has the moon under her feet, ruling over things that are bringing all mankind to death... that she would have that glory upon her from our Master, that it wouldn't be just her own strength.

I know that there's a lot to overcome in raising children, to trust other people with their lives. I know that's what dedication is all about — that we would trust each other, and trust our children's lives to our Master in His Body. It's such a strong thing in a woman to want to hold onto her children, but it's something we have to overcome in order for our children to be saved, to truly trust our lives to one another.

I want her to be an overcomer — to diligently overcome, not just have a spurt of strength to overcome something now and then, but that her life would be an overcoming life, and that she would grow and increase by doing that, by overcoming every day.

Chets Barur — It's so hard to be consistent. We've always heard that it's too small a thing to raise up the tribes of Jacob, but to maintain the light to the end, to overcome to the end, that's the hard part. When you have two equal teams playing volleyball, the one who wins is the one that exerts that little bit of extra energy. They both might think they're giving everything, but there's one that just exerts a little more energy, and that's the one that prevails. And we have to do that to the end. It's so easy to think after we've overcome something that we can sit on our haunches and feel good about it, but the evil one is right there to devour us.

So her first name is *Atsarah*, which means stayed on course, able, to keep or prevail, to reign, to maintain. Her second name is *Helem*, and it means to smite, to break down (a stronghold), to win, to overcome. So her name is *Atsarah Helem*. Some of the verses where the word is used are:

*She stretched her hand to the tent peg, Her right hand to the workmen's hammer;
She pounded Sisera, she pierced his head, She split and struck through his temple.
(Jdg 5:26)*

The word translated *pounded* is *helem*. She prevailed against Sisera, she prevailed against our Father's enemies. She had that determination.

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. (Jn 16:33)

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. (1 Jn 5:4)

That really spoke to me. If we're born of God, we'll overcome the world. If we're overrun by the world, then we're not living by that victory, which is our faith. We're not mixing diligence and valor with our faith.

So we want her to be *Atsarah Helem*.

Amen!

ha-êmeq — If the world could just finally have a woman that would do that, who would actually be that way! If you think of some woman you've heard of, like Joan of Arc, who actually did something on this planet besides evil (but Joan of Arc may have been evil, too)... There aren't many female characters that you hear about who deserve a lot of admiration. But the woman Hayeh spoke about — *clothed with the sun* — that's our flag, and that's a woman!

You know how someone might say, "Oh, you had a girl... well, it's okay..." But really, if you had a band of women who were these smiters, these overcomers, these prevailers... and my favorite one was *maintainers*... because once you grab the victory, if you don't have someone who's going to maintain it you're in trouble. Maintaining is the hardest part, because it takes "hands-on" even pressure.

We've been so encouraged on this trip through Benjamin, because we see the first generation of Benjamin starting to be raised up. They're right there, ready to go — Chanowk, Nehemiah... But without the women the men won't be anything. It's been the same sad story over and over again — the women just drag down the men, just drag them down and hold them down, these emotional little flippies at your side, saying, "I want more stuff, I want more this, I want more that, I want to do this, I want to do that, why don't you stay home... nag, nag, nag..." The world has seen enough of that kind of women.

To raise up a girl to be like Hayeh described would be the greatest thing the earth could ever see, and if she could just do that, she could be an example. Like Nogah, for example. She's a girl, a nice girl. When she was born, we said, "Oh, a girl, well, it's not Mattan, but it's a girl... ok..." But what a blessing that Nogah is to the tribe because she's a little overcomer, and she's moving forward. So she's going to move forward to adolescence, and she's going to meet the biggest wall she's ever come to. Like her sister Neshef, she's right there at that hurdle. That's when it's hard, and that's when you see what a girl is made of. Because really all that

goes on all these years down here is foundational, but when she gets to that wall, that's where you *take off* and become the woman that you were created to be! And that's right where you meet the evil one, too, and he tries to turn you into this selfish, depressed, egocentric woman.

So if she can be trained all the way through to *overcome* that and then *maintain* it — be that person — what a wonderful thing! The earth would just be pleased finally to have a whole generation of young people like that!

And she's got a good mother. Let me tell you! This girl came to me at 15, and she'd been a good girl. But then she's off with me to a place unknown, this sheltered girl always by her imma's side, and then we hit Stentwood Farm... challenges that she hadn't ever met before. And I didn't have a whiner with me, or someone I was always having to encourage. She was right there and she overcame.

I remember one day sitting with her, and there was that big field of grass out there. This was a terribly ordinary circumstance at the Stentwood Farm, but it was a *horrible* circumstance. They had this five-acre field that could be used for animals and other things if they could have done something with it, but it was just growing thicker and stronger with weeds and everything. She and I looked at it... We'd been at meetings and would hear, "Well, we've tried to get a backhoe in there and we'd get stuck, and we can't do anything with it..."

So we just got the lawn mower and started at the edge, and I said, "If we do it real gentle and don't kill the lawn mower, I think we can take the whole field." This is a giant field with the thickest kind of everything. But they needed goats, they needed animals, and they needed to use that field, and I could not stand to just sit there. And I was used to having boys, I used to have Chets Barur with me, and now I've just got a *girl* with me, so what can a *girl* do?

Well, they can do a lot. We just decided to go ahead and start, so we started, and pretty soon... I can remember just looking out from the porch, and it was hot, and there was Hayeh just going with that lawn mower into this field, more and more, and she didn't stop. She was bright red, just pushing that lawn mower... And everyone said, "Well, you can't do that." But we took a lot of ground for our Father! Just from determination! She didn't give up until she burned up the lawn mower, I think. She didn't give up!

Well, that's just what they thought would happen, which did happen, but it didn't matter. Actually, it showed them something — that

it's possible to do something about this situation with just a little puny girl. Because they had been for quite a long time trapped in this way of thinking, "There it is. There's nothing we can do..." But they saw just a little puny girl with determination *do something!* And the field ended up being a nice area.

All I learned was that girls are all right. They're not that bad! If they're overcomers, and if they're not whiners, and if they're not giving in to all their "girl stuff"... That's why I came home and said, "Chets Barur, she's ok!" I saw something in her that was amazing. I saw a *woman*. I saw what was in our Father's heart when He created woman.

So they were afraid to name that girl such a high, knock-down, drag-out kind of name — such a huge, victorious, warrior kind of name. But it takes a lot to overcome what women have fallen into. And that's what she's going to do. It's not just going to be "life as usual" — mundane. She's going to overcome even the smallest things. I think she's got a really wonderful opportunity to be who she's created to be, because she has a good imma.

Mary went to visit Elizabeth, when Elizabeth was pregnant with John the Baptist, and Mary was pregnant with our Master, because the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you with a shining cloud, and the holy, pure, sinless thing which shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God. And listen, your relative Elizabeth, in her old age, has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing is ever impossible, and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment." That's how we have to believe. That's faith. That's what the angel said, and this is the same God that we have.

It goes on to speak about John the Baptist, and the very times that our Master Yahshua will return to the earth:

And you, little one, shall be called prophet of the Most High, for you shall go before the face of Yahweh to make ready His ways, to bring and give the knowledge of salvation to the people in the forgiveness of their sins. Because of and through the heart of tender mercy, the loving-kindness of our God, a light from on high will dawn upon us like the rising sun to shine upon and give light to those who sit in darkness

and the shadow of death, and to direct and guide our feet in the straight line into the way of peace. (Lk 1:76-79)

That's the ministry of John the Baptist. And then it goes on to when Mary dedicated her son on the 40th day (for a girl it is the 80th day):

And when the time for her purification came, according to the Law of Moses, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to Yahweh. As it is written in the Law of Yahweh, every firstborn who opens the womb shall be set apart and dedicated...

So this is a girl, and now in this age there's no distinction; the barriers are broken down; man and woman are equal, just as the Son and the Father are equal in a sense, but still the Son submits to the Father. Adam and Eve were created equal, but the woman submitted to her head, because he protected her. A people submit to their king because the king is their protection. We submit to our Master because He is our protector. So that's what submission is. It goes hand-in-hand with life.

Here you're going to be dedicating your child. She will be set apart and dedicated — made holy, which means set apart. She's going to be set apart for our Father in order for our Father to use her like ha-êmeq was speaking of — to be someone who makes a difference on the earth.

When Simeon saw the child, he didn't have much longer to live. He was a righteous and devout man, carefully observing the instructions our Father had given him, looking for the consolation of Israel. And the Holy Spirit was upon him, and it had been divinely revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen Yahweh's Messiah, the Anointed One... When the parents brought the little child, Yahshua, to him, which is customary according to the Law, Simeon took Him up in his arms and praised and thanked our Father, and said, "And now, Yahweh, you are releasing your servant to depart, to leave this world in peace, according to Your word, for with my own eyes I have seen Your Salvation..." — *Your Salvation: Yahshua* — "which you have ordained and prepared before the presence of all people, a light for

revelation to the nations, to disclose what was before unknown, and to bring praise and honor and glory to your people Israel.”

Simeon was taken right after that. He died in peace. It's such a marvelous thing. And then in Mal 4:2 it says, “But unto you who revere and worshipfully fear My name, the Sun of Righteousness will arise with healing in His wings, and you shall go forth leaping with joy, like calves let out of the stall...” That's a prophecy for us! That's what we're going to do. “You will tread down the wickedness and lawlessness that overtakes us, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, in the day that I will take action.”

That day hasn't come yet, but it's coming. It's prophesied. “In the day that I act,” it says in some versions. The day is coming when He's going to take action. Right now we're building up to it; we're learning; we're going through a lot of things in order to be prepared for that day to come when the whole world is going to know. “And he shall turn the hearts of the estranged fathers to the children, and the children's hearts to the fathers.” If this doesn't happen He will smite the land with a curse.

It's a wonderful thing what we're doing here today, dedicating this wonderful little girl who is going to be an overcomer. In Isa 52:10 it says, “Yahweh has laid bare His holy arm [His set apart arm] before the eyes of the nations [revealing Himself as the one by whose direction the redemption of Israel from captivity is accomplished], and all the ends of the earth will witness the salvation of Yahweh.” This takes overcomers. No one has ever been used by our Father without overcoming, repenting and overcoming.

Overcoming is not something unusual. It's normal. We're supposed to be overcomers. If we're not overcomers, we've been overcome, and we're not going to be worthy of our Master, to rule with Him in His kingdom that is coming upon the earth.

It's the Son of Righteousness who will arise and shine on those who sit in darkness. We used to sit in darkness, but the Son of Righteousness arose and shined on us.

If we set apart this young child, this girl, deem her holy, and dedicate her to our Father, she will be used by our Father. If it's true in our heart that we're doing this, not going through a ritual of any kind, if we're actually doing this, our Father's Spirit will be upon this girl, and will raise her up in the same Spirit that we have upon us, so that she will be sealed some day with the Holy Spirit, for eternal life, in order for her to go on and be an overcomer, and be used by our Father.

Keli — Through our humility, our Father is able to make something significant out of her. Salvation reaches the ends of the earth, and the eyes of the nations will be opened, but it's only because something significant is happening with us, with His people, those who are humble and tremble at His word, and are willing to do His will, to go where they're sent and come when they're called. It's amazing that this child is going to be raised up for something significant.