

Greater is He who is Within Us

(Gleanings from the Intertribal Meetings)

What are the main things we've learned here these past four or five days?

Nun — It is an evil thing to ask, "Is God with us?" Rather, we should ask, "Are we with Him?" (2 Chr 15:1-2) If we seek Him, we will find Him. He will allow us to find Him, if we are with Him. If we are with Him we are not scattering; we're not against Him, but we're for Him. That means we're together.

Isaac — We need to take on what we hear, and if we encounter an obstacle we can't get past, we need to go back to the source of our direction and ask for help. We have to let that person know what we haven't been able to do, so he can either redirect us or tell us how to do it.

Sho'er — What I heard is that the time has come when we really have to start reaching out to people. We have to get our eyes off ourselves and on people who are barely hanging on, just waiting for saviors. We have to be so tightly knit together, because we're in the final stages, right before the Race is going to begin. We don't have any room for the evil one to penetrate our unified front.

1 Jn 4:4 — He that is within us, within you, is greater, more powerful, than the evil one, the one who is in the world. Therefore it leaves us no excuse, whatsoever. He that is within us is more powerful than the one who wants to come in and defile. It's just according to whether we stay in communion with Him. If we stay in communion there is no way possible that the evil one can lead us astray. If two brothers are not quite getting along together, maybe one has an idea and the other doesn't like it, they have to consider whether they're being led by the same spirit. There is only one Holy Spirit, or something is going wrong. We submit to one another in fear of our Master.

He that is within you is more powerful. There is no way Satan can do anything to us to destroy us if we're in communion with the One who is more powerful than him. We're on *His* side. We're *with Him* and He's with us. Our Father has protected us all these

years because of this one principle. We won't have any excuse on the Day of Judgment because He that is within us is more powerful.

Yowceph — When we talked about the ship being named *Peacemaker* just like the bus, it really stood out to me when it was said that if we're going to be recognized as the sons of God in the eternal age it's only because we were peacemakers in this age. We have to be men who can bring peace to situations and relationships.

Our Master wants us to either be hot or cold. Do you know what that means? It means: be honest — either you are hot, or you are cold. Lukewarm means you are just pretending. You're actually cold, but you're just trying to look hot. But you can't get hot, you can only appear to be lukewarm. We always have people like that.

You ask, "How's so-and-so doing?" And the person answers, "Oh, he's doing alright." In other words, he's lukewarm. "He's doing better now. I think he's doing alright." He's lukewarm! You understand? He doesn't really need people. The person could say, "Oh, he's doing alright. He's in fellowship with Satan half the time, but I guess he's okay." He's not in fellowship with our Master, but in his flesh he's making it fine. That's how so many are. They are the foolish virgins.

But He who is within you is more powerful. Our responsibility is to stay in communion with the One who is more powerful. And when we stand before our Master someday when He judges us according to our works, we won't be any good unless the works were done in the Spirit. We have no excuse, do we? The only excuse we have is that we were led astray. We were not in communion with our Master. We float back downstream and we learn to live a lie.

Let's be hot, or own up to the fact that you're cold. We've known some who were cold, but they always had something good to say, even though they never showed a true love for our Master. They were lukewarm and our Master had to spew them out of His mouth. We have to understand that when you see a brother who is lukewarm, well, who is worse — he or you for not going to him? He might be cold and just pretending to be

hot. How do we understand what our Master said? “I wish you were hot or cold.” Not that anyone who is cold is in fellowship with Him, but only those who are hot. But He wants us to be honest.

Shoresh — “I set before you life and death, blessing and curse.” There is no gray. The world is the gray zone.

Nun — So that makes it really clear that if you don’t go to your brother, it means you’re cold. Your love has grown cold.

How can the love of God be in you? When you say someone is doing okay, what are you really saying? He seems to be lukewarm. Our Father’s face is not shining upon him. You see lukewarm minchot sometimes. When people don’t prepare for the minchah, are they lukewarm, or are they cold?

Yatsaq — I heard through some of the stories of how it was in the beginning that we have to have spontaneous evangelism, and I see that I haven’t had that, and the community I live in hasn’t had that. I want to bring that back to our community so that we can have that same life. I was envious when I heard those stories about what it was like in the beginning. I want to have that same life...

It’s called “first love”...

Yes! It’s so amazing to me. I’m so thankful that I could be here and hear the things our Father spoke to us. I’m being cleansed from wrong ways that I’ve allowed in my life. Our Father spoke so clearly to show us the way back, “This is the way back! This is the way!” And now I can go back to my community and help my brothers to stay on the way. That’s how I want to be. I want to be one who helps my brothers stay on the way. If we’re not being kept by our Master Yahshua, how can we keep our brothers in the way? We won’t be able to be our brothers’ keeper if we’re not kept by our Master’s love. I want to be that way.

Just remember the last thing Paul said to the Ephesians when he wrote his letter to them (Eph 6:24). He spoke about an undying love for our Master, and the first thing our Master said through John to the Ephesian church thirty years later was that they didn’t do that (Rev 2:4). “You left your first love. Your love died.” Thirty years went by

and their love died, or they left their love. It's important to see that. I don't know if many people see that. Putting those two verses together really helps people to see it.

They left their first love and eventually their lampstand was taken out of the way. One after the other, the lampstands were taken away. No one could really see Messiah anymore. They saw a community, but there was no drawing power. There was no true life that opens their hearts to see our Master Yahshua so that the gospel could enter into each heart. They had the principle. They said "yes" to Billy Graham's call. They said, "I believe," and asked Jesus into their heart, or Yahshua even. But they didn't get saved; they didn't receive the Holy Spirit. When the lampstand was removed, the Holy Spirit was no longer active there. Our Master was outside the door knocking, but they didn't hear the call. They heard the Nicolaitans.

Phineas — It was the shepherds first who left their first love. It wasn't the sheep first. If we do well, we'll be able to see those who are not doing well, so therefore we have a greater responsibility to not lose our first love.

Our Father honors those who obey the Son. "If you obey Me it means you love Me. Whoever has My commands and keeps them is the one who loves Me. I will love him, and whoever serves Me where I am, My Father will honor." Our Father will honor that person. If you see a brother who is not being honored, those who are being honored will go to him and let him know, or ask him, and find out why it seems like he is not being honored by our Father. It's our responsibility and if we don't do that, maybe it's because we're not being honored (Jn 12:26). Let's go back and see our brother's countenance, see that our Father's face is not shining on him, that there is no fellowship there.

Jesse — How easy it is to drift away from our Father and then wonder, "Is He with me?" But the ball is in our court. We have to ask, "Am I with our Father? Or have I drifted away?" Because our Father doesn't ever drift. Our Father is always going forward with His purpose and it is we who drift away. I want to be with our Father all the time, right there, receiving what He has to give.

Haggai — We heard that man will not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of our Father. We heard wonderful words that can save our souls. In James it says to humbly receive the word implanted. Satan gives “grace” to the proud and opposes the humble. Eve went many times to the tree. At the end of the story, our Father asked, “Where are you?” And they said they were hiding because they were naked. And our Father said, “Who told you that you were naked? Who have you been listening to?” It made me think of how our Master said, “Take care how you listen, or what you’re listening to.” We’ve heard many things, and if we don’t do anything with it... Well, we’ll be measured according to what we’ve heard.

We’ll see whether we are proud or humble by what we do with what we heard. I want to be humble and be able to bring it back in the same spirit as we heard it, because that’s how our brothers and sisters will live. If we are elders, shepherds or teachers, we’re going to bring the Word back and feed the sheep with what we have been fed. “Take care how you listen,” because what you listen to is the seed, whether from the evil one or from our Master. People open themselves to that seed and receive either life or death, according to the source of the seed. If they receive the seed of life, it will save their souls from death. I want to carry that good seed.

Daniel — 1 Jn 5:15 — If we know our Father hears us, we’ll have confidence that we’ll receive what we prayed for. I haven’t always had that confidence, but it comes down to whether we are with Him. We need to come to the point that there is nothing hindering our prayers. He needs us to get to that place, because He can’t do anything on the earth unless He can hear us and respond. We’re His sons; we’re all He has. We need to communicate this to our children, how much we need them. They’re the one in a billion. I really want to strive to maintain the communion with our Master so that He can hear us and we can be where we need to be, saying what we need to say right when He needs it to be said and done. I don’t want to have that question, “Are you with me?” I want to be with Him.

Keli — It shows whether you’re losing your first love by whether you’re loving your brothers. Our Father depends on each and every one of us, and our brothers depend on each and every one of us. Sometimes the opportunity to respond with love is so brief, like a glimpse. If we don’t seize it, the opportunity is gone, and who can measure the consequences of failing to love? It has to be that we are with our Father all the time, or we are in danger, and we’re endangering our brothers. There are times when

all our brothers have is us, and times when all we have is our brothers. So I really want to be faithful, and be there for them, and for Him.

Our Father will cause all things to work together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. Paul didn't say "some things," but "all things." We just have to make sure we're doing what's pleasing in His sight. He hears our prayers if we'll do what's pleasing and keep His commandments. 1 Jn 3:22 goes with 1 Jn 5:14-15. It is so wonderful that those are put together for us. We don't have to ask, "Are You hearing me?" Our Father might be saying, "Are you hearing Me?"

We don't need to have that anxiety. If we're doing what's pleasing in His sight, we *know* He hears us. If we *know* He hears us, we don't have to scream, "Are You hearing me?" We just have to do what's pleasing in His sight. He sees us all. He knows whether we love one another. Sometimes, I look at a brother and it occurs to me that I know he would lay down his life for me, that he'll be faithful to the very end in every way. And I would lay down my life for you, and not be a coward and run and hide. We love one another. We *know* we have passed out of death into life. There's no doubt about it. We *know* we've passed out of death into life.