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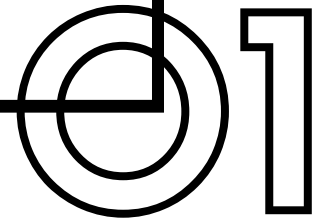
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Potential vs. Action

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In physics, potential energy refers to the stored energy an object possesses due to its position or condition — like a boulder perched on a hill, or a stretched bowstring ready to launch an arrow. Because of the gravity pulling on the stone, we know that if given just enough of a push, the boulder would tumble down the mountain with incredible force. But that potential energy does nothing until it is released. Whereas, kinetic energy is energy in motion—it's the arrow flying, the boulder rolling, the spark igniting the flame. Momentum arises when kinetic energy meets mass and velocity: movement builds upon movement.

In the spiritual life, Adonai has created you with immense potential energy—filled with the promises of God, the calling on your life, and the presence of the *Ruach HaKodesh* (Holy Spirit). But potential alone isn't enough. Spiritual momentum comes when we move—when obedience, faith, and intentional action turn potential into power.

Just as Israel's journey from Egypt required more than a miracle—it demanded steps of faith in the wilderness—we, too, must activate what God has placed within us.

So how do we develop spiritual momentum?

1. Start with Obedient Action, Even When It's Small

Momentum doesn't begin with grand gestures; it begins with a step. A single, obedient act—even a small one—can begin to stir the power of God in our lives.

Consider Avraham avinu (Abraham our father). When God called him to leave his homeland, he didn't receive a five-year plan or detailed map. He received a command: *"Lech lecha—go for yourself."* (Genesis 12:1). Abraham obeyed, and that step became the origin of a nation.

Likewise, Moses didn't part the sea until he first raised his staff in obedience (Exodus 14:16). The miracle followed the action.

God spoke through the prophet Isaiah to the people of Israel: *"If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land."* (Isaiah 1:19)

And Jacob, the righteous apostolic leader of the Jerusalem communities,



exhorts to *"be doers of the word, and not hearers only..."* (James 1:22), and again, *"Faith without works is dead."* (James 2:17)

Obedience might seem simple, but it's the ignition point for momentum. When we obey, we unleash what has been stored within us — what God has already prepared.

2. Remember and Rehearse What God Has Already Done

Momentum builds when we remember where we've already been and what God has already done. The enemy of momentum is spiritual amnesia—forgetting past deliverances, miracles, and fulfilled promises.

The children of Israel were commanded again and again to remember—to keep the Shabbat and the feasts, to tell their children the story, to wear *tzitzit* as reminders of

God's commandments (Numbers 15:38-40). Why? Because memory fuels faith. When we recall how God has acted, we gain courage to move forward. We are to remember the lessons we learn on the journey. Moses commanded his people, *"You are to remember the entire way that Adonai your God led you."* (Deuteronomy 8:2)

David, before facing Goliath, remembered how God delivered him from the lion and the bear (1 Samuel 17:37). The memories of previous victories gave him the momentum to face a giant. The Psalms are filled with the importance of recounting the mighty and good works of God.

"Bless Adonai, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits..." (Psalm 103:2)

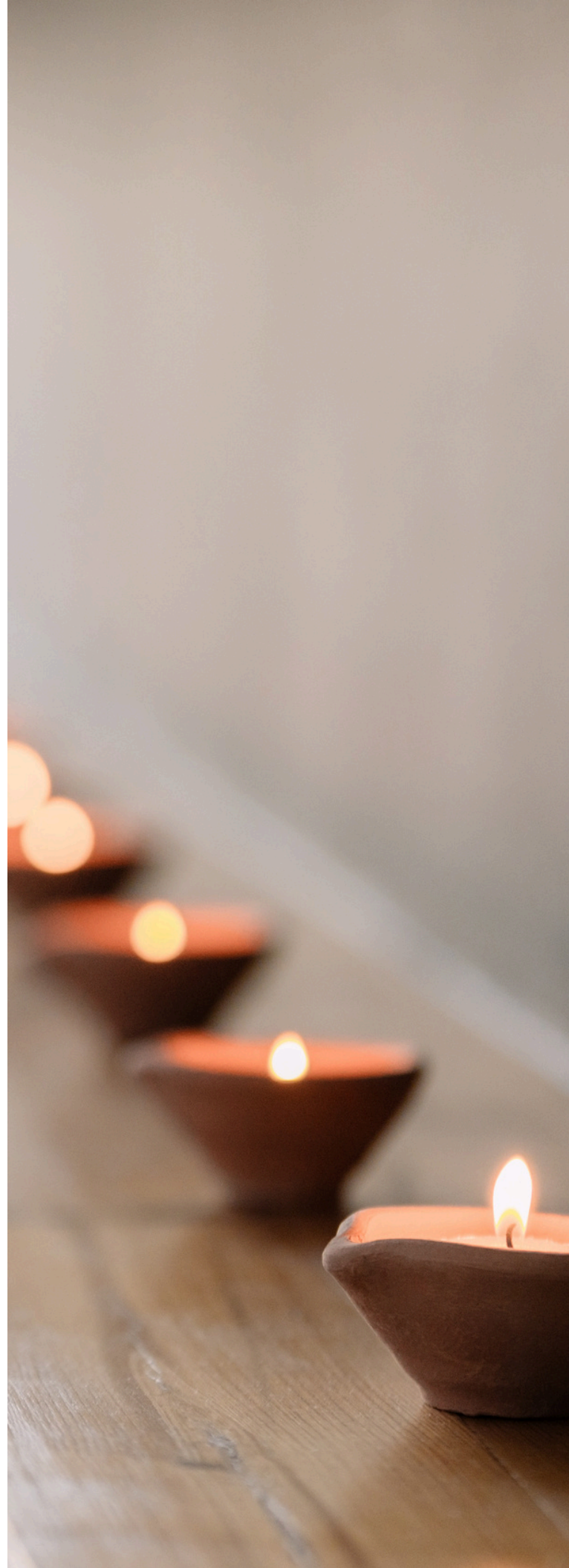
"I will remember the deeds of Adonai; yes, I will muse about Your wonders of old." (Psalm 77:12)

And in the end of days, part of what contributes to our overcoming evil is the proclamation of what God has done for us. *"They triumphed...by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony..."* (Revelation 12:11)

Momentum is not just about forward motion—it's about anchoring that motion in God's unchanging faithfulness.

3. Align Your Life with God's Purposes Daily

You can't sustain momentum without alignment. Just as a car needs its wheels aligned to move straight and efficiently, our lives need to be calibrated daily to God's Word and His will.



Yeshua demonstrated perfect momentum—not because He hurried or forced outcomes, but because He was perfectly aligned with the Father. *“I only do what I see My Father doing.”* (John 5:19). His every action flowed with divine rhythm.

Nehemiah provides another example. He aligned his heart with God through prayer and fasting before taking bold action to rebuild Jerusalem’s walls (Nehemiah 1-2). His clarity of purpose turned prayer into movement and hesitation into accomplishment.

Expending energy alone is not enough. You might as well be running on a treadmill if you ignore God’s purpose within you. *“Commit your way to Adonai; trust in Him, and He will do it.”* (Psalm 37:5) And there is a multiplication of power and effectiveness when we yoke ourselves to Yeshua. His yoke is easy and his burden is light. Why? Because He carries it with us!

*“So pay close attention to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise. Make the most of your time because the days are evil. For this reason do not be foolish, but **understand what the Lord’s will is.**”* (Ephesians 5:17)

Spiritual alignment doesn't happen once—it must be renewed in us daily. Through prayer, Scripture, community, and surrender, we stay connected to the source of all momentum.

Conclusion: Keep Moving—God Will Multiply Your Motion

Too often, we wait for a dramatic moment to start moving—when the



finances arrive, when we feel more spiritual, when life slows down. But momentum rarely starts with comfort; it starts with conviction.

Passover is a reminder of this. God told the Israelites to eat with sandals on their feet and their staffs in hand—ready to move (Exodus 12:11). Their deliverance wasn't just about leaving Egypt; it was about beginning the journey to purpose.

You might feel like you're on the edge—full of potential but stuck in place. Let this be your encouragement: take the next step, no matter how small. Obey the whisper of the Ruach. Remember what God has already done in your life. Realign your heart and priorities to His ways. Once you move, even a little, God will begin to multiply that motion into spiritual momentum.

As Paul wrote, *"Not that I have already obtained it...but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on..."* (Philippians 3:13-14).

Spiritual momentum is built on one obedient, contemplated, and aligned step at a time. Don't settle for stored-up potential. Become kinetic. Become purposeful. Become unstoppable in the hands of the Living God.

Chazak v'ematz — be strong and courageous! The journey is just beginning!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin Juster". The signature is stylized, with a large, flowing "B" and a cursive "J".

Benjamin Juster
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A person wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and dark trousers is shown from the waist down. They are holding a black golf bag with several golf clubs protruding from it. The scene is set outdoors during sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden light in the background. The person's right hand is visible, holding the handle of one of the golf clubs.

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THE DESTRUCTION AND RUIN OF NOT
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During Solomon's reign, Jerusalem was the epicenter of the world. In 1 Kings 10, we read about the Queen of Sheba's

visit, a royal dignitary who, struck by God's generosity and favor towards Solomon and Israel, marvels at His wisdom, provision, and the joy it brings to the people. Overwhelmed, she makes a prophetic declaration: "Because of the Lord's eternal love for Israel, He has made you king, to maintain justice and righteousness." (v.9)

She follows these words by gifting the king with almost nine thousand pounds of gold—about three hundred and *seventy five million dollars* at early 2025

prices—and large quantities of spices and precious stones. Her words, and actions, are a glimpse into what is happening on an even larger scale. Scripture records that the weight of the gold that Solomon receives yearly is about fifty-one thousand pounds, and that year after year, everyone who came brought gifts.

1 Kings 10:23 says, "*Solomon was greater in riches and wisdom than all the kings of the earth.*"

His kingdom was a vivid display of God's radical generosity and favor—proof that God delights in blessing His people as they walk in His ways. The promised blessings of Deuteronomy 28, given for covenant obedience, are being fulfilled in Solomon and

the people of Israel. During his reign, they are living in abundant prosperity—enjoying open heavens, protection, provision, and influence—a blessing on everything they do.

This moment in Israel's history holds deep significance for us as the disciples of Yeshua. Even though we now live under the fullness of the newer covenant in Messiah, God's heart to bless His people remains unchanged. He continues to promise us an abundance of peace, protection, provision, His presence, and power—no matter what we face. Our lives are to be a living display of His glory, wisdom, goodness, and eternal love.

That's why it's crucial we reflect on what unfolds in 1 Kings 14:21-31. A mere five years after Solomon's reign, the kingdom is in chaos. Egypt has attacked, plundering Jerusalem and has removed the treasures of the Mishkan (Temple) and palace. To make matters worse, a civil war erupts between Rehoboam, leading two tribes, and Jeroboam, leading ten. The people, once so blessed, become enslaved in the worship of false gods, engaging in detestable practices, even including cultic prostitution. All this in less than a decade!

Can you imagine the chaos and confusion, the pain, and the heartache of those who live through this transition? Consider the father who watches helplessly as his daughter



offers herself to prostitution. Picture a young husband agonizing as his bride is ripped away, taken as spoil by invaders. The children whose daddy never comes back from battle. The mothers who move from food security to food scarcity. The increasing darkness which fills the atmosphere as deception and crime become normal. The dreams that are shattered. The families that are torn apart.

The destruction and loss which flow from this moment are colossal! But they are also tragic. It doesn't need to be this way. This isn't God's heart for His people! How is it, then, that they shift from such abundance and peace to utter chaos and devastation? What leads to such painful ruin? The answers to these questions are found in 1 Kings 11 where we learn that in direct opposition to the commands of God, Solomon takes many wives, and he takes them from foreign nations.

Again, we must ask, “how does this come to be?” How is it that a man who experiences multiple personal visitations from God, who is present as the glory of God fills the Temple so that no one can minister and all present fall on their faces declaring, *“He is good! His love endures forever!”* (2 Chronicles 5:13), how can he be so arrogant as to place himself above God and His mitzvot?

The answer, I believe, lies in Solomon’s failure to guard his heart. Proverbs 4:23 says, *“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.”* Our hearts, in biblical terms, represent our inner being—our thoughts, desires, and even our beliefs. Somehow, Solomon allows himself to believe that parts of God’s will don’t apply to him, that it is okay for him to make exceptions. Solomon does not properly guard his own heart and the results are catastrophic!

Perhaps what is most sobering about Solomon’s choices, is the recognition that he himself is the very author of the Scripture, **“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.”** Solomon had received this wisdom from Adonai, yet he and only he could guard his own heart. God wouldn’t do it for him. Nobody else would be able to do it for him either. It was up to him, and he failed to do so!

All of the destruction and ruin, chaos and loss, were never God’s will, or his heart for Solomon, for Israel, or for us! God is a life-giver, a shalom-bringer, who is in the business of restoring all things!

His purposes are always, only, fully good for you, for His Messianic community, for the Church, and for this world.

And because He desires for each of us to flourish in the fullness of His presence, peace, protection, provision, and power, he also counsels us to guard our hearts. To be diligent and vigilant about saying, *“This temple that God has given me is his holy dwelling, and I will not allow anything to enter or influence which is inconsistent with his holiness, love, goodness, and truth. I will not compromise!”*

Therefore, I imagine Yeshua looking into each of our eyes, with love, and gently asking:

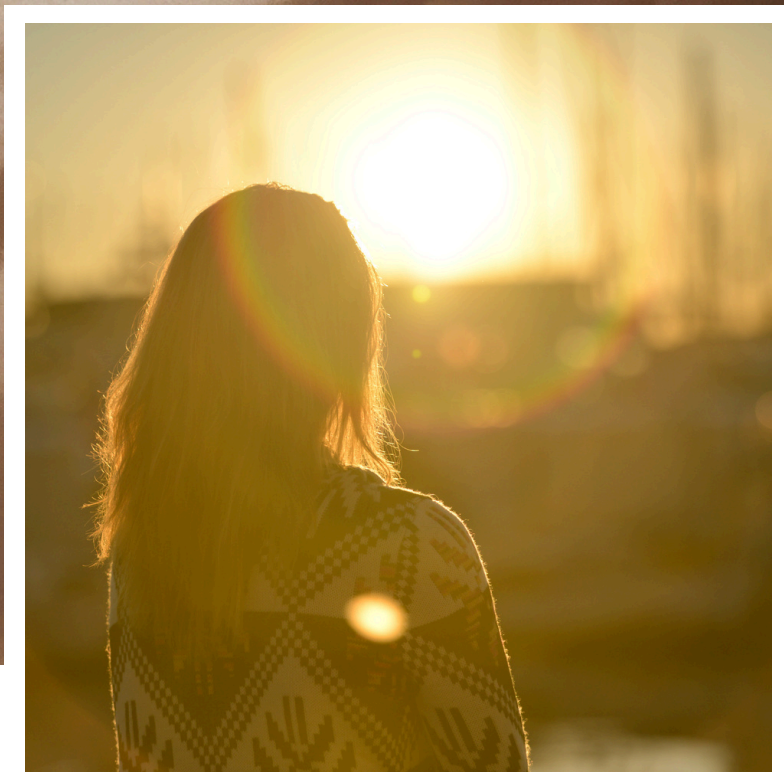
“Is there anywhere you are compromising? Anything you are allowing to influence your heart that isn’t from me? Turn from it and let me cleanse you. I have plans for you that are so, so good! My mercy is new for your right now. Wherever the enemy has plundered, I will restore. Offer me your whole heart; I will cleanse you and fill you afresh!”



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PROVERBS 4:23



MY JOURNEY AND SUFFERING

BAHT RIVKA WHITTEN

Suffering. Suffering is not pleasant.

And while I'm sure our suffering doesn't even compare to some, the suffering we have experienced over the last few years has been excruciating. But before I share more about that, let me first tell you a little of my story.

My name is Baht Rivka Whitten. I was born in Tel Aviv during the Yom Kippur War of 1973, when Egyptian and Syrian forces launched a surprise attack against

Israel on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the Jewish year.

There was no way Israel should have won that war, but that the God of the angel armies would intervene. He did, and we were victorious.

My family has been in Israel for five generations— my great-grandmother was born in Israel. She and my great-grandfather were pioneers in the early 1900s, establishing a well-known moshav (cooperative agricultural community) in the Petach Tikva area.

My mother was an incredibly talented sculptor and painter. After my parents' divorce, she and I moved to a kibbutz in northern Israel, where she had an art studio. There, she met another artist, an American Jewish man traveling through Israel. They instantly fell in love, and my mother and I moved to America with him. They married, and my mother and I became naturalized U.S. citizens, holding dual citizenship with Israel.

It was hard. There were language barriers and culture clashes. My mother and stepfather had many struggles and strained to make ends meet. We moved multiple times and always lived in the poor sections of town. I was horribly bullied all throughout school. I was small for my age, insecure... and JEWISH. I began skipping school. I ran away from home multiple times. I made bad choices. I became a very broken, hurting person.



Despite being a timid little girl who never thought she could sing, the very moment I opened my mouth to raise my voice in worship, I was unshackled from years of anxiety and fear, and this surprisingly powerful voice emerged. In retrospect, I see how the enemy tried to steal my voice as a child and even my very life numerous times. But God prevailed.

The next twenty years of my life were one big, beautiful blur of blessings. My parents miraculously came to faith. I returned to live in my beloved homeland, Israel. I met and married my husband George, an American pastor, journalist, strong advocate for Israel, and founder of reputable online Christian news source, worthynews.com.

We lived in Jerusalem for a time and then made our home in Southern Israel. Our children were born— fifth generation Israelis. We opened our home to hundreds of people (if not more). As a family, we dedicated much of our lives in the region to aiding and sharing the Gospel with Israelis, both Jewish and Arab. We saw miracles. I began recording CDs to give away as I ministered in song.

To my amazement, people loved my music— some of my songs even played on secular Israeli radio. Others were used in movies, television, and various music projects. My latest release, "Rise Up," has over 2 million unsolicited views on YouTube - all the glory to God alone.



Three days before boarding our flight home to Israel, we received the phone call. My brother-in-law had been found dead from a massive heart attack in his apartment at the young age of 46. Gary was not only my husband's younger and only sibling, but he was also the caretaker for my in-laws, who are both deaf (from birth) and not in the best of health.

This was a massive shock to all of us. We stayed to grieve and sort out the details of Gary's funeral and belongings. But not even a couple of days after the funeral, the whole world was turned upside down with COVID— shutdowns, travel restrictions, lockdowns, masks, vaccines... you remember. Our flights were cancelled, and Israel shut its doors for what we would later learn to be the better part of TWO YEARS.

Once a year, we would travel and minister outside of Israel as a family for a couple of months. Our heart was always to raise up a banner of worship, encourage Believers to rise to their calling as Kings and Priests, equip the Body of Messiah with a deeper understanding of ongoing events in the Middle East, and awaken their effectual fervent prayers to that end.

In December of 2019, we planned to travel to England and America to visit my in-laws and share at a number of congregations and conferences. Our return tickets were for early February to get our daughter home to fulfill her Israeli military service and my husband to study for his Israeli tour guide license. Little did we know what tragedy was about to hit our family.

It was around this time that God began laying a vision on our hearts to buy a camper and travel the US, calling the saints to gather on Capital steps and intercede for the nation, tear down strongholds in worship, and share God's hope and love with those hurting in this critical time. We would literally ask God DAILY where He wanted us to go. He took us from the East Coast to the West, North to the South. He took us into the heart of the insurrection as chaos was unfolding across America-BLM/George Floyd, ANTIFA, CHAZ/CHAD, terror attacks, falling bridges, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes, to pray, serve, and report the truth about what was really happening in these places.



Even as I write this, we are still traveling, serving, ministering and reporting for Worthy News. NEVER would we have imagined that we could be away from home, or live in such tiny quarters for so long— that our daughter would miss the opportunity to serve in the IDF, but instead go off to college, meet a boy and get married here in America.

While we long for home, we recognize that God has had us here in the U.S. for a purpose this season. It has been a challenging, but life-altering journey of faith. Though we saw some fantastic victories, we also experienced much adversity on the road — the passing of several family members and dear friends, my in-laws in Maryland needing more comprehensive care, flying back and forth to Israel to help with my father who nearly died a few times, an emergency surgery, political upheaval, wars and rumors of wars, the atrocities of October 7th and the grueling war that followed, my immediate family and friends continuing to live in and out of bomb shelters, and several cousins, nieces, nephews serving in the IDF— some on the front lines at this moment.

There were days when I felt like I just couldn't go on, and I let the struggle get the best of me. At one of my weakest moments, the Lord gave me this word that I was "born for battle— and that this was NOT a battle between Israelis and Palestinians, rather a battle against powers and principalities that wield their power in unseen realms to oppose everything and everyone that belongs to Him."

As I pondered it, I realized that this word was not just for me. It is for everyone who calls themselves a believer in Yeshua. No matter what age, talent or profession — if we are alive today, we were BORN for BATTLE!

I believe God is calling us all to a higher level of obedience now. He wants to train us for battle ... IN THE SPIRIT! He wants us to make ourselves available to seek Him earnestly, worship passionately, intercede fervently, and serve one another unconditionally— even in the face of our suffering and the crises going on around us. Because if we don't it, who will?

So get your armor on brothers and sisters— it's time to RISE UP. Let us partner with the God of the Angel Armies in this battle! We have the victory — for Such a Time as This (Lazman Hazeh, in Hebrew)! I'll leave you with these passages from 2 Corinthians 4:7-9 and 4:16-18, which have greatly encouraged us.

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the extraordinary greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair ; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

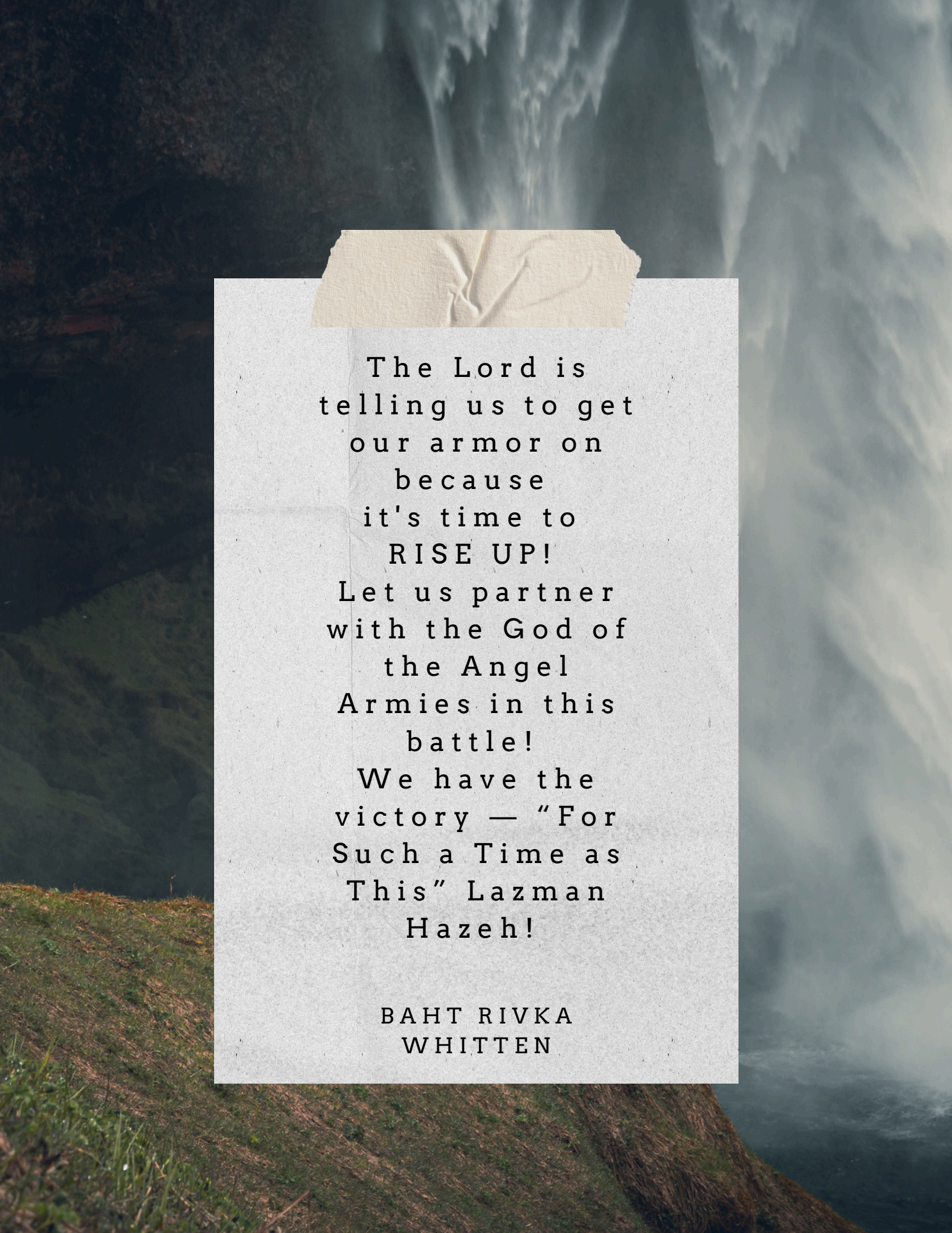
"Therefore , we do not lose heart, but though our outer person is decaying, yet our inner person is being renewed day by day.



For our momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

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JO MILLER

As we have entered into this new year, there is an increasing feeling of expectancy and hope among those in the Body of Messiah which hasn't been felt in many years. There is a deep sense that God is shifting things in the spiritual realm, and preparing us for a greater move of His Spirit.

But the enemy's evil influences and deceptions are increasing as well. Deep darkness has covered the earth with diseases, wars, corrupt governments, violence, anger, loss of common-sense and the value for human life, to just name a few. There are many in the Body of believers who are facing serious challenges, hard decisions, and constant attacks from the enemy.

As I was praying about this, I felt the Lord saying, *"My children need to learn to walk in My authority."* Then I saw in the Spirit many believers standing on top of a hill, holding a sword in one hand and a scepter in the other and the enemy was trying to wrestle them out of their hands. I asked the Lord what this meant, and He said, *"The scepter represents kingly authority, and the sword represents spiritual authority. The enemy is doing all that he can to keep my children from recognizing and using their authority. He is attacking their identity as priests, being a people set apart to worship and represent me on the earth, those who are empowered by My Spirit with authority to defeat and destroy the works of the evil one. Plus, the enemy is attacking their identity as kings, by bringing confusion as to who they are in Messiah, made in my image, and questioning their purpose. The enemy is especially attacking young people and children. He has stolen the truth and is distorting it. You must stand up for them, protect them, and teach them about My love, My ways, and My nature as never before."*



God is raising up an army of warriors from all ages in these days, those who are people of faith, full of passion, and those who will not shrink back. Warriors who will birth a Great Awakening of His Spirit through constant, consistent dedicated prayer. Passionate warriors like King David who will raise their swords and scepters and race toward the giants. But we must stay alert and we have to be aware. The enemy is throwing discouragement, temptations, and disillusionments at us to rob us of our passion and faith. The attacks are intensifying especially on our leaders. We must all guard our hearts and keep looking to the Spirit for discernment, purity, humility, wisdom, and protection.



We are living in days of contrasts: darkness vs light, good is now seen as evil and evil seen as good. But the Lord is telling us not to fear. His Light is shining and exposing all. We are to keep our eyes on Him and follow His example. He is saying, "When darkness threatens to overwhelm, You must be the light that shines in the darkness. When evil spreads fear, you must be the voice for peace and goodness. When evil spews lies, you must speak truth and life. Those in the world will take notice and seek to find the truth that you reflect. So let your light shine!

*"But remember, a single light shining in darkness is not as powerful as when lights are joined together. It is crucial that my children walk together in **unity**. When you walk together in covenant unity, my power and anointing increases. I am calling my*

Body to walk together in greater unity of purpose. My Body must learn to work together. But be alert. The enemy is waging a tremendous war on unity. The spirit of offense, judgement, anger, and hatred have gained much ground in the world as well as within the Body of Messiah. Too many in my Body are holding onto offenses that will hold them back from advancing to a higher level in Me. Be quick to forgive and quick to reconcile. Remember, you gain greater power and strength when you walk together as one."

*He then said, "I am breathing life into the dry bones of my people. I am calling my people to rise up, to cast off fear and discouragement, and put on the full armor of the Spirit. It is time to **get back into the fight of faith**. Shake off slumber and compliance and withdraw all agreement to "just accept the inevitable." Stop believing the lie*

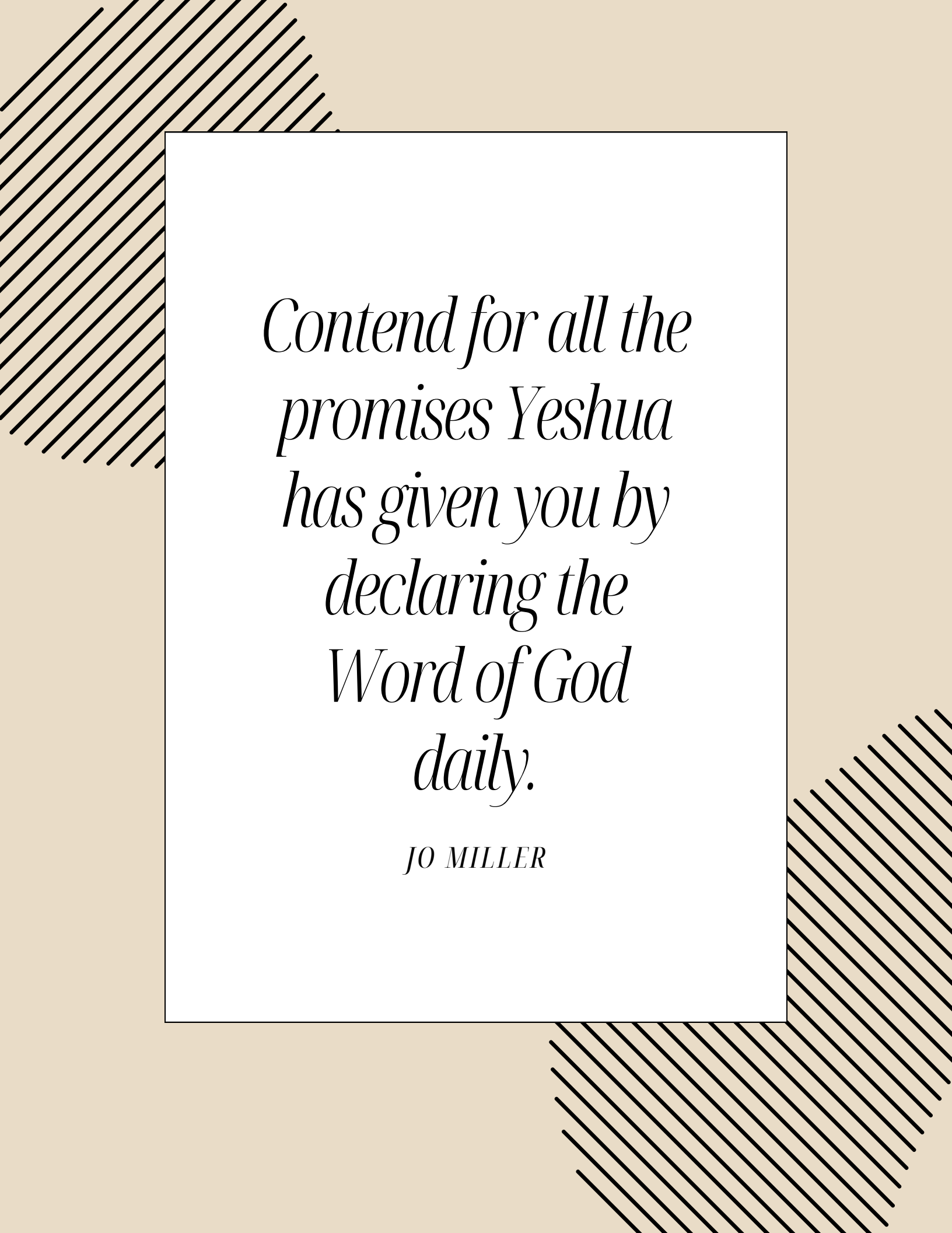
that you are too weak and powerless to do anything, and you should just remain silent. Pick up your swords and scepters once again and enter the fight and do not shrink back. I have given you dominion and authority to ground evil into dust under your feet. This is my way, and I have given it to you to walk in. I am releasing a greater measure of power in these days through My Spirit. Wherever you place your foot, take possession of it and declare, Yeshua is King over all the earth!"

Yeshua has given us all authority on this earth to bring down strongholds and demonic influences to advance His Kingdom. Darkness is dispelled when we walk in authority, forgiveness, humility, and love. Do not be surprised, discouraged, or alarmed when you encounter opposition but stand firm in faith without intimidation. Remember, Yeshua has **already** overcome the world.

Now is the time! Raise your royal scepters, wield your swords in your priestly authority, and stand up to the giants you are facing. Contend for all the promises Yeshua has given you by declaring the Word of God daily. You can trust Him. He has given us all everything we need for life and godliness. Be filled with renewed hope and **rise up! We are victorious!** Yeshua has given us **His** authority and power to overcome the enemy and to reign with Him.



*"Out of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation, you have made us kings and priests to our God; and **we shall reign on the earth.**" (Revelation 5:9)*



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The Subtleties of Antisemitism

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Antisemitism, which has been an unfortunate worldwide dilemma for centuries, is a willful and blatant expression of discrimination and hostility toward the Jewish people. Yet, when considering these evils generational antisemitism is far more subtle and dangerous than anyone might possibly imagine.

From this, we must never forget God's people fail to both repent and renounce generational antisemitism, then it will once again become a major epidemic, holding end-time consequences for the Gentile Church and the World as a whole.

Antisemitism refers to spiritual influences in the generational bloodline, through parents, grandparents and the like (see Genesis 12:3; Exodus 20:5). That can actually cause someone to become antisemitic, and from it, a person can be affected or influenced by generational antisemitism without having acted upon it.



It is part of the devil's trickery and deception through the generational bloodline influence. It's part of the generational inheritance that is spiritually conveyed to us as the result of sin.

Generational antisemitism can exert its influence through your generational bloodline until you pray and repent for it to be removed. It can manifest in the form of a cold love, a stony heart, or indifference and can stir up subtle antisemitic feelings and thoughts against Israel or toward the Jewish people.

Without repentance, generational antisemitism knows no boundaries. It is inherited through the actions and the words of those around you in subtle ways. Sometimes, it takes the mighty power of the Holy Spirit to transform mindsets in even the strongest church leaders.

Tod McDowell's Transformation

Tod McDowell is one such leader who, years ago, came into a knowledge and deep repentance of replacement theology. The executive director for Caleb Global—a non-profit ministry that aims to ignite revival in Israel, the Middle East, and the world—McDowell discovered years ago his own generational influences of replacement theology and the generational antisemitism that he wasn't even aware of.



Breaking Off Replacement Theology

In 2007, McDowell came into direct personal contact with Don Finto and his teachings about Israel and the Church, which transformed his thinking about replacement theology. In humility, his transformation led him to give up a thriving career at Youth With a Mission (YWAM), where he had begun to climb the organization's leadership ladder.

From Don Finto's teaching of the truth of Romans chapter 11, it was shown how the nations will be blessed when

Israel comes into its fullness in God's kingdom. This powerful message seared McDowell's soul where he stated, "Don came and was a scholarly gentleman, respectful, and a clear teacher. My heart was opened." McDowell continued in stating, "When he began talking about that, the Holy Spirit just spoke to me and said, 'Tod, this is the key to global revival. There is going to be greater riches for the whole world when the Jewish people's fullness comes in.'"

Immediately McDowell asked Finto to pray for him, and McDowell fell to the ground, weeping.

"I just felt this travail for the Jewish people," McDowell said. "At that moment, I heard God say, 'Tod, you are married to the Jewish people and your destiny is connected to Israel. However, it took me a couple of years to unravel the replacement theology. I had studied it, but it was more complex than I realized. There is a lot of pride connected to replacement theology. I just renounced it, and the Lord awakened my heart to His heart for Israel, His plan that is connected to all nations and particularly the church.'"

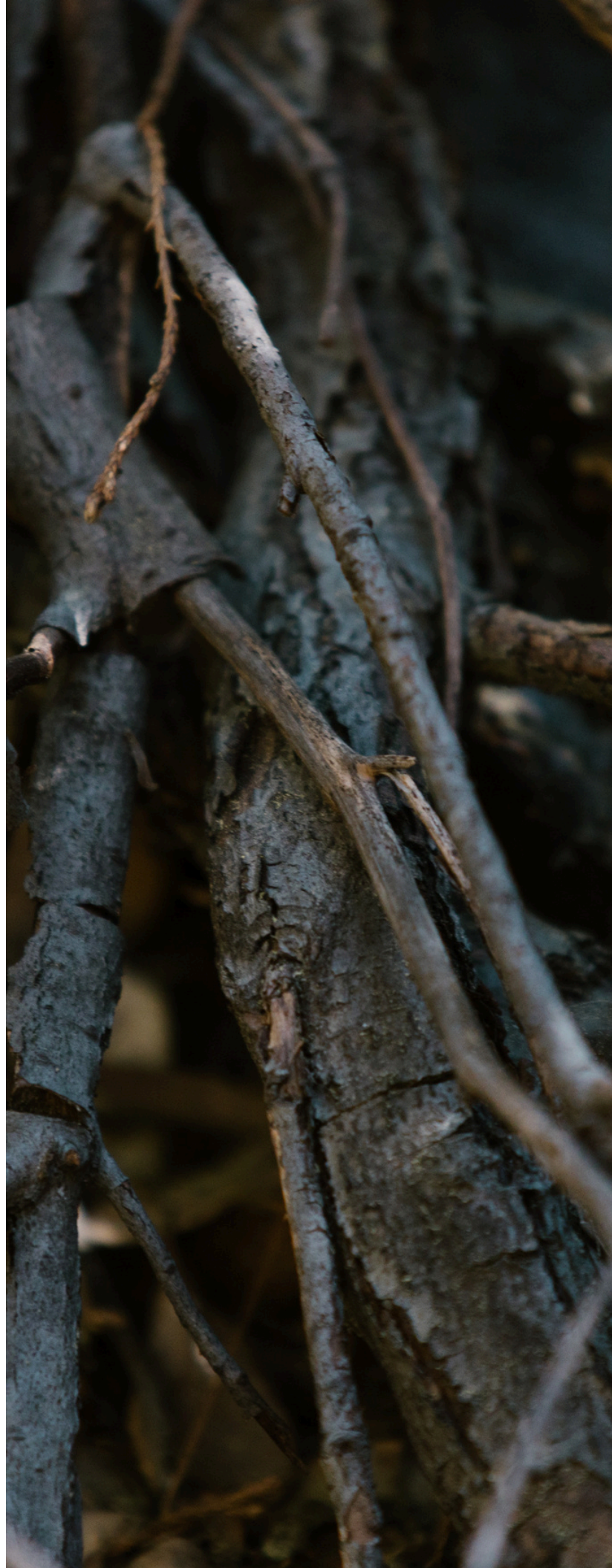
Breaking Off Generational Antisemitism

Later on, a meeting I (Grant Berry) had with Tod at Caleb Global in 2013 also helped bring him into a deeper place of repentance on this journey in relation to his personal connection with the Jewish people of which he comments,

“Grant told us the Holy Spirit seems to be freeing people of the negative influences of generational antisemitism, something they don’t even know they were associated with in their ancestral line,” McDowell said. “Grant gave this Word, and I was confused because I said I didn’t know of any antisemitism in my family’s history. I started grieving and weeping, and I got delivered. It was crazy because several of us got delivered. What he shared brought such a shock and freedom to me.”

The prophetic word I shared on the Caleb Campus on the ‘Subtleties of Generational Antisemitism’ with their leadership gave clarity to Tod and the others, especially as the Holy Spirit’s presence fell in such a significant manner on the entire group. It confirmed this word and convicted them of past generational sins in their bloodline. McDowell said he was surprised to discover his own eastern European roots and the residual curses still at play that needed repentance and renunciation, which he wasn’t even aware of until the Holy Spirit began to unveil it.

“That’s why I love the Romans 9:11 message, McDowell notes. “Because it exposes these subtle roots and the residual influences of generational antisemitism that the whole Church needs to get free of, and especially today as antisemitism rises once again, the Church must not be silent and rid itself of anything that can hinder its love and connection to the people of Israel.”



That day was also highly significant to me because of the way the Holy Spirit fell into the room, confirming the Word, especially as I began to write my first book about this message. But if these beautiful saints at Caleb Global, who already have a commission from the Heart of the Father to bring this message of reconciliation between Israel and the Church, then the whole of the Church needs the same repentance and must now become aware of these residual curses that are still holding the Body back from its end-time roles to move toward the last great awakening.

McDowell's incredible journey is chronicled in all three books on *The Reconnection: The Ezekiel Generation*, *Romans 911* and the *Romans 911 Study Guide*, , as well as in the *Romans 911 Project* video teaching course, McDowell teaches around the world, sharing God's Heart and purpose for Israel's connection to the Gentile church and the nations.

McDowell said he encounters generational antisemitism a great deal when he travels. To steer people in the church away from it, McDowell said he doesn't focus his message on Israel itself, but on the God of Israel and the Jewish people.

"I want to see the missional revival culture church really get this," McDowell said. "Many of them actually don't get it because they are repulsed by Zionism or traditional Zionist teachings. But the message isn't about Israel; it's about God's Heart, His Word,



and His ways. ... If you really want to know God and have intimacy, this is a big part of His Heart."

McDowell said if the church really wants to see the nations blessed, then it must now reconnect with Jewish believers and continue to pray for Israel. God now looks to restore the former glory for the future glory.

"When you bless Israel, there is a blessing that comes," Mc Dowell said. "The greater the riches will be when you help the Jewish people come into their fullness. Those who want to see revival are missing a huge key to it by missing Israel."



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