

JOINING FORCES

Right now we as a One Association **seem** to be in quite the predicament. There is an army rising up who will be sent into all the nations and we have mounting bills to pay each month. The cost of everything seems to be going up, and yet more is being asked of our congregations.

Arising Church has had the privilege of following in the footsteps of LCM's Exodus teaching as we studied the situation that the Israelites found themselves in at the Red Sea.



Exodus 14:1–4 (NIV 1984)

- 1 Then the LORD said to Moses,
- 2 “Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon.
- 3 Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.’
- 4 And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD.” So the Israelites did this.

God intentionally led His people into what looked like a trap, only to draw Pharaoh out so that he would strike at the Israelites. God knew exactly what He was doing the whole time, but His people seemed to be in a vulnerable position.

All of this was so that God would gain maximum glory by drawing out the enemy only to crush his head.



We are not afraid of the position that we are in, because we know that our God is only drawing out the enemy so that we can crush his head and today we want to share with you how we are going to do that.

Our message is titled:

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The Lord is helping us understand the times that we are living in and what we must do in response to His Word and the leading of His Spirit. We are going to take you through several passages to help build our response to His leading.

- **Numbers 10 NIV**

Numbers 10:1–7 (NIV 1984)

1 The LORD said to Moses:

2 “Make two trumpets of hammered silver, and use them for calling the community together and for having the camps set out.

3 When both are sounded, the whole community is to assemble before you at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

4 If only one is sounded, the leaders—the heads of the clans of Israel—are to assemble before you.

5 When a trumpet blast is sounded, the tribes camping on the east are to set out.

6 At the sounding of a second blast, the camps on the south are to set out. The blast will be the signal for setting out.

7 To gather the assembly, blow the trumpets, but not with the same signal.

-two trumpet blasts with different sounds were used to gather the community

-when the larger community heard the first trumpet, they waited...when the leaders heard the first trumpet, they responded

- **Joel 2:1-20 NIV**

Blow the trumpet in Zion;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9793cuoNpQ0&t=65s>

sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming. It is close at hand—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was in ancient times nor ever will be in ages to come. Before them fire devours, behind them a flame blazes. Before them the land is like the garden of Eden, behind them, a desert waste—nothing escapes them.

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“Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing—grain offerings and drink offerings for the LORD your God. Blow the trumpet in Zion

Play simultaneously

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2qwlWlrztQ&t=13s>

, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber. Let the priests, who minister before the LORD, weep between the portico and the altar. Let them say, “Spare your people, LORD. Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’ ” Then the LORD was jealous for his land and took pity on his people. The LORD replied to them: “I am sending you grain, new wine and olive oil, enough to satisfy you fully; never again will I make you an object of scorn to the nations. I will drive the northern horde far from you, pushing it into a parched and barren land; its eastern ranks will drown in the Dead Sea and its western ranks in the Mediterranean Sea. And its stench will go up; its smell will rise.

-what could possibly take precedence when a terrifying army is approaching? CONSECRATING YOURSELF TO THE LORD

-this alarm is so important even a bride and groom are called away from their honeymoon

- **1 Corinthians 7:26-35 NIV (look at NLT)**

26 Because of the present crisis, I think that it is good for a man to remain as he is. 27 Are you pledged to a woman? Do not seek to be released. Are you free from such a commitment? Do not look for a wife. 28 But if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this.

29 What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; 30 those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; 31 those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

32 I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord. 33 But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife—34 and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. **35 I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.**

- Crisis- Paul is giving what seems to be extreme instructions that guide people how THEY should live during that crisis! Do not hear in this us telling you not to get married...hear us telling you that you need to recognize the current crisis WE are living in and respond appropriately
- WHO TOLD YOU
- **Genesis 3:10–11 (NASB 1995)**
- 10 He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."
- 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"
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- **Psalm 90:12 — "Number our days"**

- **Judges 5:2, 15–18 (NIV 1984)**

2 "When the **princes in Israel take the lead**,
when the people willingly offer themselves—
praise the Lord!

-willingly offer...THEMSELVES

-When you are establishing something who are the leaders? The ones that set the example, the ones who go out first! The ones that you can point everyone else to and say "Be like him!"

15 The princes of Issachar were with Deborah;
yes, Issachar was with Barak,
rushing after him into the valley.
In the districts of Reuben
there was much searching of heart.

16 Why did you **stay** among the campfires
to hear the whistling for the flocks?
In the districts of Reuben
there was much searching of heart.

17 Gilead **stayed** beyond the Jordan.
And Dan, why did he **linger** by the ships?
Asher remained on the coast
and **stayed** in his coves.

18 The people of Zebulun **risked their very lives;**
so did Naphtali
on the heights of the field.

-do you hear the contrast of men who willingly offer themselves, who rush into the valley vs. the men who say “you know, i’m really gonna think about that...”

The story is being written for all of heaven to see how you respond to these opportunities to show faith!

- **Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV**

24 And let us **consider** how we may **spur** one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and **all the more** as you see the Day approaching

-being together **MORE** in light of an approaching DAY of judgment

-let us CONSIDER

-Zeke mexico money

STOP INCREASING YOUR CONSUMPTION TO MATCH/EXCEED YOUR PRODUCTION

Ecc 3:11 NIV

11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end

- James to elaborate

HOW THIS LIFE SEEMS

HOW
ETERNITY
SEEMS

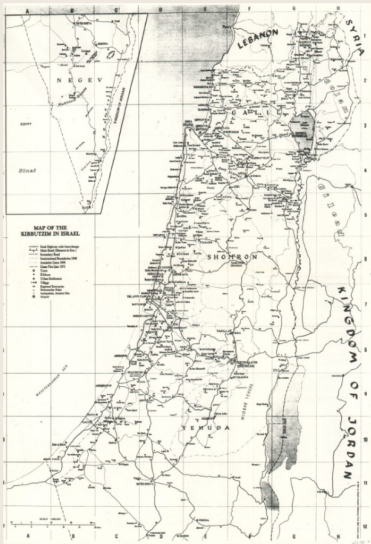


HOW
SMALL/QUICK
LIFE IS



IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY

KIBBUTZIM



GOLDA MEIR PRIME MINISTER 1969
DAVID BEN GURION FORMER PRIME MINISTER
SHIMON PERES FORMER PRESIDENT
MOSHE DYAN FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER AND
CHIEF OF STAFF

- PROVIDED CRUCIAL LEADERS
- CULTIVATED AND INNOVATED TO REESTABLISH ISRAEL
- SHARED RESOURCES
- NETWORK OF COMMUNITIES BECAME BOUNDARY LINES
- COMMON GOAL

<https://www.jewishagency.org/>

The Kibbutz operates under the premise that all income generated by the Kibbutz and its members goes into a common pool. This income is used to run the Kibbutz, make investments, and guarantee mutual and reciprocal aid and responsibility between members. Kibbutz members receive the same budget (according to family size), regardless of their job or position. In terms of education, all children start equally and are given equal opportunity.

Today there are approximately 250 Kibbutzim in the country, where about 125 000 people live.

- **War effort and borders**

Heretz Israel

Kibbutzniks played a role in [yishuv](#) society and then Israeli society, far out of proportion to their population, and many kibbutzniks have served Israel in positions of leadership. The invention of the [Tower and Stockade](#) system by which 52 settlements from 1938 to 1947 largely decided the borders of Israel in the UN 29 November 1947 decision, is attributed to kibbutz member [Shlomo Gur](#).^[65]

The establishment of the [Palmach](#) underground army in 1942, which won the yishuv crucial military struggle against Palestinian Arabs from 30 November 1947 up to 15 May 1948 that made possible the establishment of the Israeli state, was due to efforts by Tabenkin and other Kibbutz Meuchad leaders. One of them, [Yigal Allon](#) and Kibbutz Artzi member [Shimon Avidan](#) were the two most important commanders who won the 1948 war, and numerous kibbutz members were Cabinet Ministers who largely shaped Israeli politics from 1955 to 1977.^[64] Kibbutz-born [Ehud Barak](#) was Prime Minister from 1999 to 2001, and [David Ben-Gurion](#) lived most of his life in Tel Aviv, but joined Kibbutz [Sde Boker](#) in the Negev after resigning as Prime Minister in 1953. He remained a member after his return to office in 1955.

Common wealth

Eph 2:12 ESV

12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the common wealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world

-shared limitless resources...common wealth

1 Timothy 6:6–8 (NIV 1984)

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

Matthew 6:31–33 (NIV 1984)

31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

SHELTER
FOOD/WATER
CLOTHING
=CONTENTMENT

Change of lifestyle:

Remember what pastor peter said from Luke

LUKE 3 INSTRUCTIONS FOR
SACRED LIVING

1. Share out of what you have with the brothers around you (v11)
2. Do not take more for yourself than what is required (13)
3. Do not extort money, be content.(14)

1 CHRONICLES 29:3–6 (NIV 1984)

BESIDES, IN MY DEVOTION TO THE TEMPLE OF MY GOD I NOW GIVE MY PERSONAL TREASURES OF GOLD AND SILVER FOR THE TEMPLE OF MY GOD, OVER AND ABOVE EVERYTHING I HAVE PROVIDED FOR THIS HOLY TEMPLE: THREE THOUSAND TALENTS OF GOLD (GOLD OF OPHIR) AND SEVEN THOUSAND TALENTS OF REFINED SILVER, FOR THE OVERLAYING OF THE WALLS OF THE BUILDINGS, FOR THE GOLD WORK AND THE SILVER WORK, AND FOR ALL THE WORK TO BE DONE BY THE CRAFTSMEN. NOW, WHO IS WILLING TO CONSECRATE HIMSELF TODAY TO THE LORD?

THEN THE LEADERS OF FAMILIES, THE OFFICERS OF THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL, THE COMMANDERS OF THOUSANDS AND COMMANDERS OF HUNDREDS, AND THE OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF THE KING'S WORK GAVE WILLINGLY.

It's time for

"THIS HOLISTIC APPROACH TO FAITH ELIMINATES THE COMPARTMENTALIZATION OF LIFE INTO SACRED AND SECULAR PARTS, RECOGNIZING THAT ALL OF LIFE IS UNDER GOD'S LORDSHIP. ULTIMATELY, THIS PERSPECTIVE TRANSFORMS ORDINARY THINGS AND ACTIONS INTO OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND SERVICE TO GOD"

-ERIC STEPHENS

Young Rich Ruler

Mark 10:17–27 NIV

17 As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

18 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

20 “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

22 At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

26 The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

27 Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

- **Acts 4:32-35 NIV**

32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. 33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35 and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

“From time to time...as he had need” God still allowed people to experience “need”

Acts 4:36–37 (NIV 1984)

36 Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement),

37 sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.

-Joseph is a levite

This means that his original destiny was to serve as a priest in Israel owning no land.

This man was living outside of Israel in Cyprus

The implication would be that because of recent events, i.e. Pentecost, this man was filled with the Spirit of God and decided move back home to Israel...this is BARNABAS!

Once he arrived he decided to sell his land back in Cyprus, this is like burning the ships, no going back, he wasn't just selling land, he was giving his life

There is no chapter break here...these two stories are to be contrasted and compared

- Ananias & Sapphira — **Acts 5:1-11 NIV**

Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. 2 With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? 4 Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."

5 When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. 6 Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

7 About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?"

"Yes," she said, "that is the price."

9 Peter said to her, "How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."

10 At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. 11 Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

COLOSSIANS 3:5 (NIV 1984)

PUT TO DEATH, THEREFORE, WHATEVER BELONGS TO YOUR EARTHLY NATURE: SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IMPURITY, LUST, EVIL DESIRES AND GREED, WHICH IS IDOLATRY.

JAMES 4:1-3 (NIV 1984)

WHAT CAUSES FIGHTS AND QUARRELS AMONG YOU? DON'T THEY COME FROM YOUR DESIRES THAT BATTLE WITHIN YOU?

YOU WANT SOMETHING BUT DON'T GET IT. YOU KILL AND COVET, BUT YOU CANNOT HAVE WHAT YOU WANT. YOU QUARREL AND FIGHT. YOU DO NOT HAVE, BECAUSE YOU DO NOT ASK GOD.

WHEN YOU ASK, YOU DO NOT RECEIVE, BECAUSE YOU ASK WITH WRONG MOTIVES, THAT YOU MAY SPEND WHAT YOU GET ON YOUR PLEASURES.

MATTHEW 6:24 (NIV 1984)

NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS. EITHER HE WILL HATE THE ONE AND LOVE THE OTHER, OR HE WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE ONE AND DESPISE THE OTHER. YOU CANNOT SERVE BOTH GOD AND MONEY.

• (POSSIBLE VIDEO OF INDONESIA)

- Widow — Luke 21:1–4 (the widow's mite) In Mark account it's beautiful to consider how Jesus called His disciples together to instruct them - the Luke account however conveys something rich that we could initially overlook in a casual reading. Luke is saying directly !!! This widow is actually declaring through these words - I GIVE MY LIFE !!! This is no reservation !!
- Here is what the Spirit is causing us to consider as we ponder all that the Lord has spoken to us in these days. The "amount" is not the predominate issue, though amounts are necessary. He is seeking to get our hearts in proper alignment. That is why He called together His disciples to teach them. You see this woman - she is giving her life - as Jesus instructs them - Church- don't forget this very fundamental truth about Yahweh God of Israel!! He will multiply !! Consider the testimonies !! The thousands fed on very little - seas parted - // and don't wake up Monday morning and doubt - the disciples did that and got on a boat and doubted the God of the universe could multiply their bread though they had just witnessed multiplication of epic proportions.
- Go to Matthew 20:20-28
- "Gave His life as a ransom for many"

1. The Greek *does* sound more extreme than most English renderings

The literal wording in Greek —

πάντα τὸν βίον ὃν εἶχεν (*panta ton bion hon eichen*, "all the life which she had") — really does sound radical.

In Koine Greek, **βίος** can mean “life” in the concrete sense of one’s *means of living* — food, money, property, everything that sustains survival. But Luke’s deliberate word choice (instead of *χρήματα*, “money,” or *οὐσία*, “possessions”) heightens the emotional and theological impact: she gave *her very life*.

That’s not metaphorical fluff — it’s the same nuance you’d find if someone said today, “*she gave her last breath to God.*”

2. Why translators softened it

Most English translators render it as “*all she had to live on*” or “*her livelihood*” because:

- They’re aiming for **functional clarity** — to make it clear this refers to material means, not suicide or self-harm.
- English idiom doesn’t naturally convey “she gave her life” without implying physical death.
- They try to avoid confusing readers who might take “life” literally when the context is about **giving money**.

A bride readied for her groom!! Rev 19/Rev21

Rev 14:13 NIV

13 Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

“Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, **for their deeds will follow them.**”

- faith filled deeds will follow you.
- Faithlessness will follow you.