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Dear brothers and sisters in Messiah,

**Shalom! שלום!**

*"Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of Jehovah unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith Jehovah of hosts." Zechariah 4:6*

זְכַרְיָה 6:4 "וַיֹּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר-יְהוָה אֶל-זְרֻבָּבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחַיִּל וְלֹא בִקְצָה כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

We write this newsletter with hearts full of gratitude for the Lord's faithfulness. This past month, Shalom and his new wife, Phaedra, had the privilege of co-leading the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul tour. This was the very journey Gideon had planned to lead, and while his absence was deeply felt, we were grateful to see the Lord's will accomplished. We are so thankful for our dear brother, Dave Smith, who did so much of the heavy lifting to make the tour a success and for the opportunity Shalom had to assist.

To walk where Paul walked, to stand on Mars Hill in Athens, and to reflect on the words of the epistles in the ruins of Corinth and Ephesus is an experience that makes the Scriptures come alive. For our tour group, it was a time of deep learning and spiritual encouragement. It was also a profound blessing to have Gideon's voice with us throughout the journey. Each morning we were at sea, our group gathered for a time of Bible study, watching video messages he had prepared. Beginning our days in the Word this way, his teaching truly became the spiritual anchor of our journey.

The city of Philippi holds a special place in the hearts of believers as the location where Lydia's heart was opened, and the jailer and his family were saved. It was a powerful reminder that the Lord is always at work, opening hearts to the Gospel. How fitting, then, that on the tender ride back from that very place, one of our group members, Sandy, had this moving encounter:



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Travelling with a group as “The Footsteps of the Apostle Paul” opens up opportunities to share about God with people that you meet. We were all boarding a tender from the docks to return to the ship. There was a group of us sitting along together with seats across from us with one seat vacant. There was water and a bit of dirt on the seat and my wife took Kleenex and cleaned it off. Mario took that vacant seat. He was touching my leg and talking and I suspected he was open to share. We talked together about his time on shore and I shared that we were on

a tour of the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul. I asked him how he was doing. He began to share with me about his life challenges. He was raised JW and got away from all that or anything about God. I told him that I know someone who can relieve him of issues and problems and help him in his life. I told him, Jesus loves you! He wants to come into your life and can change you. He responded that he might wait for another time for that. I shared: Why wait to ask Jesus into your heart? God is waiting for you right now. Will you let me pray for you?

He started to have tears coming down his face. The Holy Spirit led me through a prayer with him. I believe Jesus spoke to his heart; we hugged and both cried. Our group was also crying. I shared that when one sinner comes to Christ, the angels rejoice in heaven. The group of us congratulated him as becoming part of the family of God. Unfortunately, I never came across him again on the cruise ship. What a wonderful blessing it is to share the gospel work of the good news!

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We were so moved by this story — a beautiful reminder that the Lord can use us to shine a light for Him in any circumstance.

We are hopeful that, with the ceasefire in Israel holding, tours to the Holy Land may soon resume. For those interested in joining a future Bible tour, please contact Shalom at [shalom@holyscripturesandisrael.com](mailto:shalom@holyscripturesandisrael.com).

While we were away, the Lord continued to bless our family at home. On September 8th, we celebrated the marriage of Nathaniel and his new wife, Rachel. Like Shalom and Phaedra's wedding, it was a deeply bittersweet day, full of joy for the new couple, yet marked by the sharp sense of Gideon's absence. We were so blessed to have family with us, including Gideon's sister, Noga, and her husband, Ashi, who spent nearly the entire month of September with Irene. It was a special joy to have our Uncle Ashi participate in the ceremony as well. Later in the month, we were also visited by our cousin Boaz, his wife Roni, and their children. Then in October, Irene's brother Max, his wife Ruth, their son Nils, and two of their grandchildren came to visit. The embrace of family has been a tangible expression of God's comfort to us in this season.





### Ministry Update

Through all these personal changes, the public ministry of the Word remains steadfast. We continue to post new messages from the archive on [YouTube](#), [Rumble](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), and our other online platforms. The radio programs also continue to air on all stations as before.

Recently, we have been working through three books of the Bible, with messages such as:

- [Hebrews 12:18-29](#) - From a Shaking Mountain to an Unshakable Kingdom in Yeshua
- [Romans 8:1-4](#) - No Condemnation in Messiah Yeshua
- [Zechariah 1:17-21](#) - The Carpenter Who Will Judge the Nations

We are humbled and grateful for the many who have continued to uphold the ministry in prayer and with their support. Your faithfulness is what allows the Word of God to continue to go out over the airwaves and across the internet.



**Please pray for:**

- The Levytam family to continue to find strength and comfort in the Lord.
- The newlyweds, Shalom & Phaedra and Nathaniel & Rachel, as they begin their lives together.
- The young man, Mario, that Sandy ministered to on the tour.
- The ongoing work of editing and preparing Gideon's vast archive of teachings.
- The Lord's continued provision for the radio and online ministry to remain active.
- Our extended family in Israel, Canada, Germany, and the Netherlands.
- **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.** Psalm 122:6

*"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."*  
*Isaiah 62:1*

God bless you.

In Messiah,

The Levytam Family  
(Irene, Shalom, Joab, and Nathaniel)



Please pray for Israel to open their hearts and see Yeshua our Messiah who said, "I am the light of the world." John 8:12

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