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We will be gleaning from quite a few different sources as we go through this. We have learned a lot from the folks that are on the same journey and have information that helps this all makes sense and keep us on the proper path as laid out by Yahuah in Scripture. We will be as usual changing the GD and other offending titles and names to the proper one in comic sans font. Here are a few if you want to check them out.



We will be gleaning a lot in this series from Steve Berkson of MTOI. He is an awesome teacher and the link will get you to a ton of teachings.

https://www.mtoi.org/learn_with_us/learn_with_us.shtml

The downside for us is, he uses Paul and Yahweh and has a different view of who Yahusha is. That is why we offer up his nuggets of information filtering these things out. We have learned a lot, and with discernment we highly recommend his teachings.



AN INTRODUCTION TO GOD

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Intro

His
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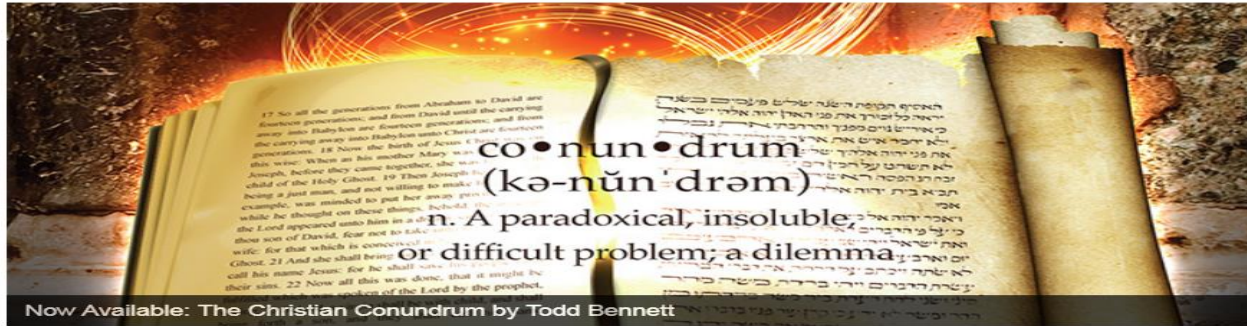
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http://anintroductiontogod.com/An_Introduction_to_God-00.0-Prelude-Who_is_Yahowah_What_Does_He_Want.Torah

We will also be folding in some thoughts from Craig Winn from His book "An Introduction to God". It is free to download on this website. While we do not agree with still using the title God, and some other conclusions he has determined, we will share what we think is solid information. As always, we give you the direct links to these resources so you can determine without our editing, if they hold merit. We encourage this for sure. Anyone's study must be further studied for accuracy. No one holds all the pieces of the puzzle. We have learned a great deal from Craig and he has definitely been one of our sources of guidance on this journey.



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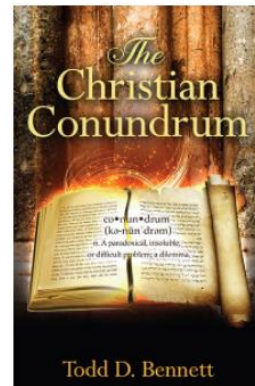


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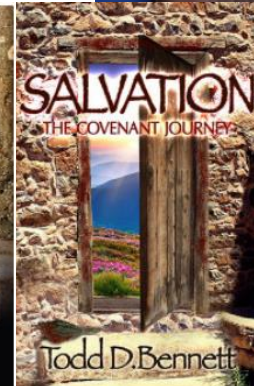
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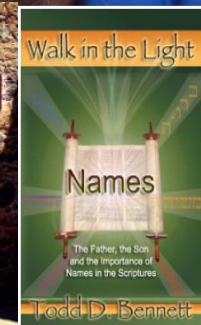
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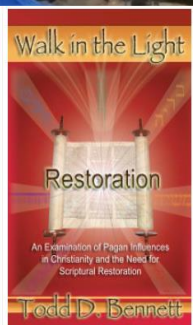
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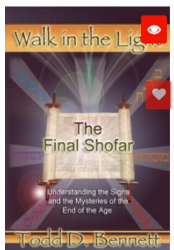
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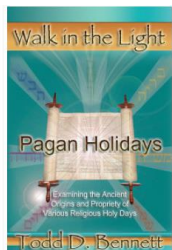
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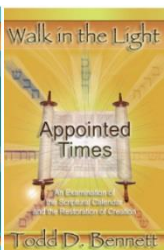
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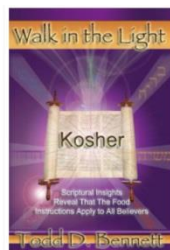
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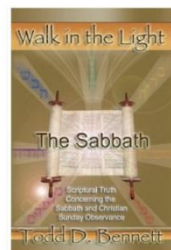
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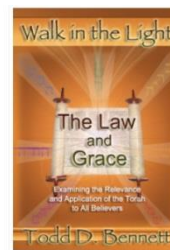
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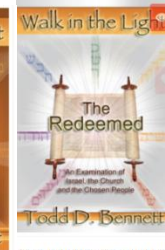
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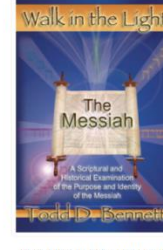
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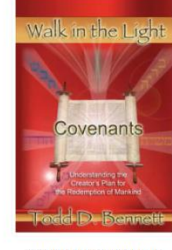
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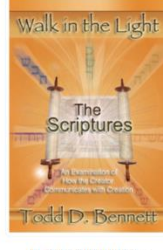
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THE SCRIPTURES - WALK IN THE LIGHT VOL. 3

There are words and concepts that will keep repeating in this study because they are the threads that create the tapestry picture of how we get from where we are to where we are going. We are creating a PDF with all the words we explore as a handy reference guide.

Decisions

Trust

Truth

Change

Turning around - Teshuva

Humbleness

Expectations

Self Sovereignty

Courage

The Covenant

Fear

Shalom-Peace

Righteousness

Consistent

Dependable

Integrity

Endurance

Knowing-understanding

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Guarding

Seeking

Searching

Knocking

Listen-Pay Attention

Love with all your heart

Gratitude/appreciation

I
AM
WHERE
ARE
YOU?

Word Glossary



Quick re-cap from MOTI

- Yah has disturbed our peace
- We have begun our journey
 - We are asking and seeking and knocking
 - We are looking for and desiring the TRUTH
- We are beginning to recognize that we don't know what we thought we knew
- We are making a conscious choice to accept Yah as He is over our own version of Him.
- We realize that this is not easy because of the battle that is taking place in our minds and hearts.
 - We accept that we must “LET” the Torah/Truth of Yahusha be in us so that we can be transformed and emulate his success in pleasing Yahuah.
- To do this we must submit completely to the Torah's molding us into that image . We are to be clay in the hands of the Potter • Isa 64:8-9 Jer 18:1-6
 - Luke 8:4-15 – The Parable of the Sower
- Luke 9:62 – “No one having put their hand to the plough and looking back, is fit for the reign of Eternal.”
 - Loving Yahuah more deeply by learning to love ourselves and others

The reason we recapped was to prepare the ground of our hearts and minds to have the intention and expectation to accept what the Word says even if it goes against what we may have always believed it to say...and then to walk in it.

The Heart of the Matter Part 1

What does
Yahuah
want from
us?

The nexus of
getting our
hearts right
is based
right here in
Deut
Chapter 6 so
we are
going to
keep it up as
a reminder.



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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5_wfjeM3gE

Deut 6:4 “Listen, Pay attention to, understand and take heed –Shama H8085 O Yisra’el: הוה י הוה our Eternal, הוה י is one 6:5 “And you shall love- Ahab H157 as a strong covenant mark, הוה י your Eternal with all your heart – Lebab H3824, and with all your being – Nephesh H5315, and with all your might, exceedingly -to the highest degree –Ma-ode H3966. 6:6 “And these Words which I am appointing you today shall be on and lay over your heart –Lebab H3824,

Deut 6:7 and you shall impress them upon your children, and shall speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up, 6:8 and shall bind, closely associate them as a sign as something to remember, on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets-bands between your eyes. 6:9 “And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.



Deut 6:10 “And it shall be, when יהוה י your Eternal brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya`aqob, to give you great and good cities which you did not build, Deut 6:11 and houses filled with all kinds of goods, which you did not fill, and wells dug which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you shall eat and be satisfied –



These are instructions that they were to understand so that it would go well with them in the land.

The physical land as a representation for the Kingdom to come. A physical instruction for them then and a guide line for us in the “the land” we want to inherit.

Now in Deuteronomy the people were looking to go to a physical land and those who endured on the path afterward can look forward to the eternal promise land. For us today however, we are looking forward with expectation to the eternal promise land. Interesting this description corresponds to Yahusha saying he was going to prepare a place for us in Yahuah’s house in the New Yahrushalom. So we too will be in a city we didn’t build, with provisions we did not stock up, agriculture we did not plant, a wonderful gift – and we will be satisfied.

Let’s stop here for a minute and reflect upon that very last line. And you shall eat **and be satisfied**.

That is a big trouble with us to trust Yahuah because we are spoiled and are never satisfied. We forget what He has done and keep asking for more.

There is a traditional song sung at Passover called Dayenu- It would have been enough.

What Does “Dayenu” Mean Today?

BY [JOSHUA RATNER](#) | APRIL 1, 2014

<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/rabbis-without-borders/what-does-dayenu-mean-today/>

“Dayenu – die-a-new.” The words are fairly easy to sing in Hebrew, and the chorus is so catchy that even those who don’t know Hebrew can easily join in. But beyond its functionality, the content of Dayenu (literally “it would have been enough”) also carries a deep amount of wisdom.

Dayenu consists of 15 stanzas referencing different historical contexts the Israelites experienced, from slavery in Egypt to the building of the Temple in Israel. After each stanza, we sing the chorus, signifying that if this was the total of Yahuah's miraculous intervention into the lives of the Israelites, **it would have been sufficient.**

Dayenu provides a powerful contemporary hashkafah (outlook on life), a call to mindfulness about the way we currently lead our lives. We live in an era when capitalism is our state (and increasingly global) religion. Consumption is unfettered by any internal sense of restraint, from the amount of soda we can drink to how much money Wall Street executives can make. We live in a world where it is okay that the richest 85 people in the world have total wealth equal to that of the poorest 3.5 billion people on the planet!

By returning to a sense of Dayenu, of thinking deeply about what is enough, we have the potential to change ourselves and our world. May we be blessed, on this Pesah and beyond, to replace the idolatry of consumption with an embrace of all that we have.

Question: What does it mean to you to have enough?

Dayenu

If He had brought us out from Egypt,

Illo hotzianu mimitzrayim,

אלו הוציאנו ממצרים

and had not carried out judgments against them

v'lo asah bahem sh'fatim,

ולא עשה בהם שפטים

— Dayenu, it would have been enough!

dayeinu!

דיינו

If He had carried out judgments against them,

Ilu asah bahem sh'fatim

אלו עשה בהם שפטים

and not against their idols


v'lo asah beloheihem,

ולא עשה באלהיהם

— Dayenu, it would have been enough!

dayeinu!

דַּיֵּינוּ



If He had destroyed their idols,

Ilu asah beloheihem,

אלו עשה באלהיהם

and had not smitten their first-born

v'lo harag et b'choreihem,

ולא הרג את בכוריהם

— Dayenu, it would have been enough!
dayeinu!

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דִּינּוּ

If He had smitten their first-born,

Ilu harag et b'choreihem,

אלו הָרַג אֶת בְּכוֹרֵיהֶם

and had not given us their wealth

v'lo natan lanu et mamonam,

וְלֹא נָתַן לָנוּ אֶת מְמוֹנָם

— Dayenu, it would have been enough!

dayeinu!



If He had given us their wealth,
Ilu natan lanu et mamonom,
 אֱלוֹהֵינוּ נָתַן לָנוּ אֶת מְמוֹנָם

and had not split the sea for us
v'lo kara lanu et hayam,
 וְלֹא קָרַע לָנוּ אֶת הַיָּם

— Dayenu, it would have been enough!

dayeinu!

דַּיֵּינוּ

If He had split the sea for us,
Ilu kara lanu et hayam,
אלו קרע לנו את הים

and had not taken us through it on dry land
v'lo he'eviranu b'tocho becharavah,
ולא העבירנו בתוכו בַּחַרְבָּה

— Dayenu, it would have
been enough!
dayeinu!
דַּיֵּינוּ



If He had taken us through the sea on dry land,

Ilu he'eviranu b'tocho becharavah,

אלו העבירנו בתוכו בַּחֲרָבָה

and had not drowned our oppressors in it

v'lo shika tzareinu b'tocho,

וְלֹא שָׁקַע צָרֵינוּ בַּתּוֹכוֹ

— Dayenu, it
would have
been enough!
dayeinu!

דַּיֵּינוּ

If He had drowned our oppressors in it,

Ilu shika tzareinu b'tocho,

אלו שקע צרינו בתוכו

and had not supplied our needs in the

desert for forty years

v'lo sipeik tzorkeinu bamidbar arba'im

shana,

ולא סיפק צרכנו במדבר ארבעים שנה

— Dayenu, it would have been enough!

dayeinu!

דַּיְינוּ

If He had supplied our needs in the desert for forty years,

Ilu sipeik tzorkeinu bamidbar arba'im shana,

אלו ספק צרכנו במדבר ארבעים שנה

40 Years Of Wandering

and had not fed

us the manna

v'lo he'echilanu

et haman,

ולא האכילנו את

המן

— Dayenu, it would have been enough!

dayeinu!

If He had fed us the manna,

Ilu he'echilanu et haman,

אֱלֹהֵינוּ הָאֵלֹהִים אֶת הַמָּן

**and had not given us
the Shabbat**

v'lo natan lanu et

hashabbat,

וְלֹא נָתַן לָנוּ אֶת הַשַּׁבָּת

— Dayenu, it would have been enough!

dayeinu!

דַּיֵּינוּ

שַׁבַּת שְׁכֹלָם

If He had given us the Shabbat,

Ilu natan lanu et hashabbat,

אלו נתן לנו את השַׁבַּת

and had not brought us before Mount Sinai

v'lo keirvanu lifnei har sinai,

וְלֹא קִרְבָּנוּ לְפָנֵי הַר סִינַי

— Dayenu, it would have been
enough!

dayeinu!

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דִּינֵנוּ

Jabal Al Lawz The Real Mount Sinai In Madayan Mountain Range Saudi Arabia

If He had brought us before Mount Sinai,

Ilu keirvanu lifnei har sinai,

אלו קִרְבָּנוּ לִפְנֵי הַר סִינַי

and had not given us the Torah

v'lo natan lanu et hatorah,

וְלֹא נָתַן לָנוּ אֶת הַתּוֹרָה

— Dayenu, it would have been

enough!

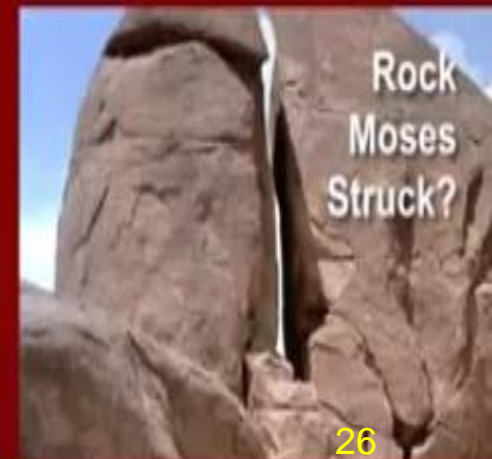
dayeinu!

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If He had given us the Torah,

Ilu natan lanu et hatorah,

אלו נתן לנו את התורה

and had not brought us into the land of Israel

v'lo hichnisanu l'eretz yisra'eil,

ולא הכניסנו לארץ ישראל

— Dayenu, it would have been enough!

dayeinu!

דַּיְנוּ

If He had brought us into the land of Israel,

Illo hichnisanu l'ereetz yisra'eil,

אלו הכניסנו לארץ ישראל

and not built for us the Set Apart Temple

v'lo vanah lanu et beit hamikdash,

ולא בנה לנו את בית המקדש

— Dayenu, it would have been enough!

dayeinu!

דיינו

Can we say that truly in our hearts that even
if things did not go our way "It would have
been enough"! ?

How many verses does each of our own
songs have?

Deut 10:11 “And יהוה י said to me, ‘Arise, go before the people, to set out, and let them go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.’ Deut 10:12 “**And now, Yisra’el, what is יהוה י your Eternal asking of you....?**”



What a great question! A lot of people will ask, how do I know the will of Yahuah? What is He asking me to do? Yahuah then gives us the answers, most important first and it starts with the matter of the heart.

..... but to **fear/revere** **יהוה** **י** your Eternal, **to walk in all His ways** and **to love Him**, and **to serve יהוה י** your Eternal **with all your heart and with all your being**, Deut 10:13 **to guard as a strong covenant mark, the Mitzwah – code of wisdom of יהוה י** and **His Statutes – Khook-kaw – appointed customs, ordinances** which I appoint you today **for your good.**

He has now added steps here from Deut 6 – and again telling us it is for **our good.**

Deut 10:14 “See, the heavens and the heaven of heavens belong to יהוה י your Eternal, also the earth with all that is in it. Deut 10:15 “ יהוה י **delighted only in your fathers, to love them**. And He chose their seed after them, you above all peoples, as it is today. Deut 10:16 “**And you shall circumcise the foreskin of your heart**, and harden your neck no more.

Please note- Circumcision of our hearts was always required! This is not a new Covenant idea from the 1st Century! Notice how He shows that a stiff neck is the same as an uncircumcised heart. It has always been both. The Flesh and the Heart.

Let's take a look at the correlation with regular Circumcisions. The benefits are:

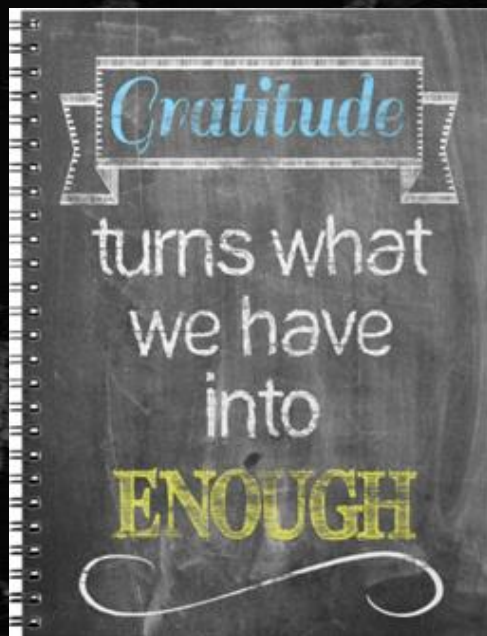
1. Reduced risk of prostate Cancer
2. Reduces risk of contracting aids by 60%
3. Fewer medical conditions
4. Lower risk of infection
5. Easier to clean

The benefits of a circumcised heart:

1. Reduced risk of infectious sin taking over our lives leading to death
2. Reduced risk of moral/physical lifestyle sin which could endanger our lives
3. Living in a healthier Torah peace-filled existence boost immune systems- It is promised for our good.
4. Lower risk of being influenced by others who are not walking out the Torah
5. Easier to Teshuva - turn around when we get off the path to cleans ourselves again.

Question: What is it about our Heart that causes us to be stiff-necked and hard headed?

Deut 10:17 “For יהוה י your Eternal is Eternal of mighty ones and Master of masters, the great Almighty, mighty and awesome, **who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.** 10:18 “He executes **right-ruling for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and a garment.** 10:19 “And **you shall love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Mitsrayim.** 10:20 “Revere/Fear יהוה י your Eternal. **Serve Him, and cling to Him, and swear by His Name.** 10:21 “He is your praise, and He is your Eternal, who has done for you these great and awesome deeds which your eyes have seen 10:22 “Your fathers went down to Mitsrayim with seventy beings, and now יהוה י your Eternal has made you as numerous as the stars of the heavens



Question: How much value do you give those deeds of Yahuah in your life now? Have you taken that experience for granted? Can you still feel the rush of the experience when you knew that Yahuah had stepped into your world?

There is a saying, "What have you done for me lately?" That should never be the feeling we have towards Yahuah. If He had only did one miracle in your life, could you say, Dayenu - that would have been enough?

What would your life be like now if Yahuah had not stepped in? Can you appreciate it from that perspective? Just like the Children of the Exile, we need to keep these signs and wonders in our lives right in front of our face so we do not ever forget the magnitude of His favor and compassion. Remember when the adults refused to go into the promise land because they believed the report that they could not take it from the giants who lived there? What happened to those who had forgotten what Yahuah had already done for them? They died in the wilderness. That is sobering. We can have these wonderful things happen right in front of our eyes, but if we do not hold them as precious, and give thanks and appreciate all He has already done, we may still die in our own wilderness. Do we think He wants to live with people who will not appreciate Him in the future?

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Have you ever noticed how many times Yahuah says "brought you out of the land of Egypt"? That exact phrase in the KJV is said 81 times. What is Yahuah trying to tell us?

He does not want us to forget we were slaves and oppressed where we were. We didn't belong there. We were strangers in that lifestyle compared to where we started as innocents.

He also does not want us to forget the signs and miracles in our own lives when He called us out. And to never forget that He did not leave us there. Just like the Children in the Exodus wilderness, as we go along our journey on His path, He will continue to show us signs and miracles. We should look for them. Some are very subtle. He broke that slavery and redeemed and delivered them and is in the process of doing that for us as well.

The signs and wonders are there to help us with our trust issues but also get us to that reverent fear of Yahuah. The overwhelming dread of disappointing Him because of our choices. The clarity to know we have the free will to get off the path, but that there will be consequences for doing it. Yahuah will execute right ruling on all people. The perfect Father.

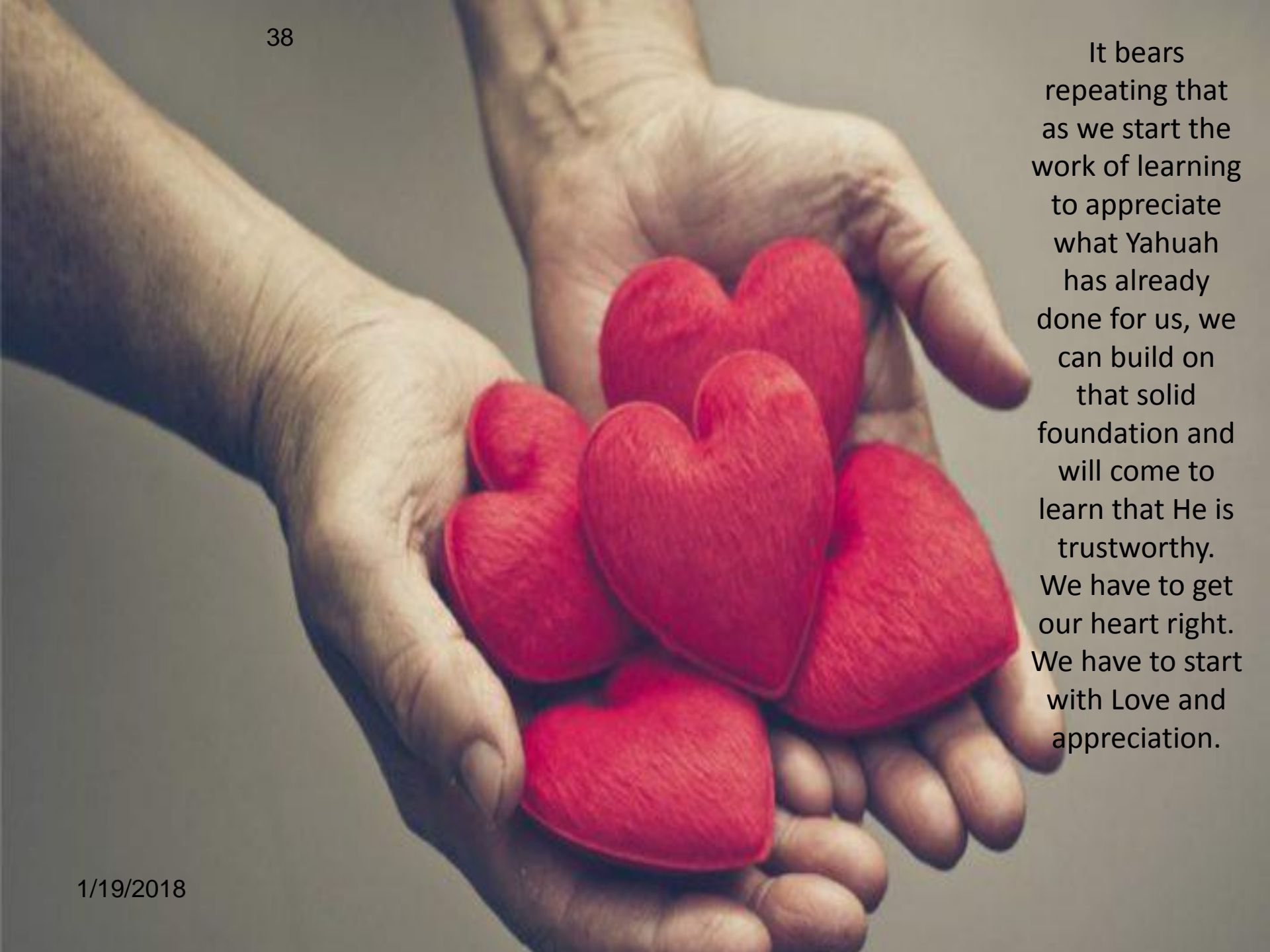
Solomon and Daud and Job all said the first thing to address is the Fear / Reverence of Yahuah and that includes our own issues with fear. The more fear you have the less trust you have and vice versa. So we need to get our own personal fear under control so we can then properly fear/revere Yahuah which builds trust.

We have quite a list going and it may still be hard for us to do the first thing on the list. Some things that may hold us back from proceeding on the Journey of the heart or even getting closer to Yahuah is issues with Fear, Trust, Self-Sovereignty, Judging Yahuah by our standards and lack of wisdom.

Just like what the
Torah says; The
words that
have the ability to
cleans the water
most powerfully
was this
combination..

Yahuah
is amazing!

Love & Gratitude



It bears repeating that as we start the work of learning to appreciate what Yahuah has already done for us, we can build on that solid foundation and will come to learn that He is trustworthy. We have to get our heart right. We have to start with Love and appreciation.

This is the list of instructions that we have noticed in our study.

1. We should love יהוה our Eternal with all our heart, and with all our being, and with all our might.
2. The Torah should be on our heart filtering our thoughts and deeds.
 3. Teach the Torah to our children
 4. Think about the instructions all the time
 5. Read the Torah out loud
 6. Write them on our property.
 7. Serve Yahuah
 8. Guard the Instructions
 9. Love our neighbors as ourselves
 10. Guard our tongues
11. We will be satisfied with what Yahuah provides
12. Circumcise our hearts
13. Cling to Him
14. Swear by His name/authority
15. We will notice and appreciate all Yahuah does for us with immense gratitude.

Repeating from last time, we can not rush the love and appreciation stepping stones. For most of us this will be a huge change in personality. Making better choices out of love for ourselves, Yahuah and others will help clean our sprit.

To all: Be kind and patient.

Keep searching and keep asking and in the meantime keep reading Scripture and do your own study and research.

TRUST IN THE DARK,

**THE DECISIONS
YOU MAKE IN THE LIGHT**

Our Statement of Trust in Yahuah

- 1. He alone is the sole creator of the universe and beyond and all that is in it.**
- 2. We will base our decisions upon Yahuah's code of wisdom and will consult Him in all our decisions.**
- 3. We accept and are blessed that Yahuah will continually disturb our peace to test us and keep us on the path.**
- 4. We will learn to love ourselves so we can completely love and appreciate Yahuah.**
- 5. We will love our neighbors.**
- 6. We will appreciate what Yahuah has provided and know it is enough and perfect for us.**

What is the Path?

Yahuah's functional instructions laid out by the Torah and Prophets.

How do we stay on the path?

Seek out what those instructions are and guard them as you find them. Learn from the examples in the Scriptures of what to do and not to do. Use Yahusha as your guide of where you need to change your character.

How do we get off the path?

By rejecting or turning away from the plan Yahuah has set out through the Torah instructions.

How do we get back on the path?

Recognize or come to understand the instruction. Sincerely apologize to Yahuah for the errant behavior or mind set and vow – guard to not continue to do it.

Where is it safe?
Only on the Path.

What is unsafe and dangerous?
Everything off the path.

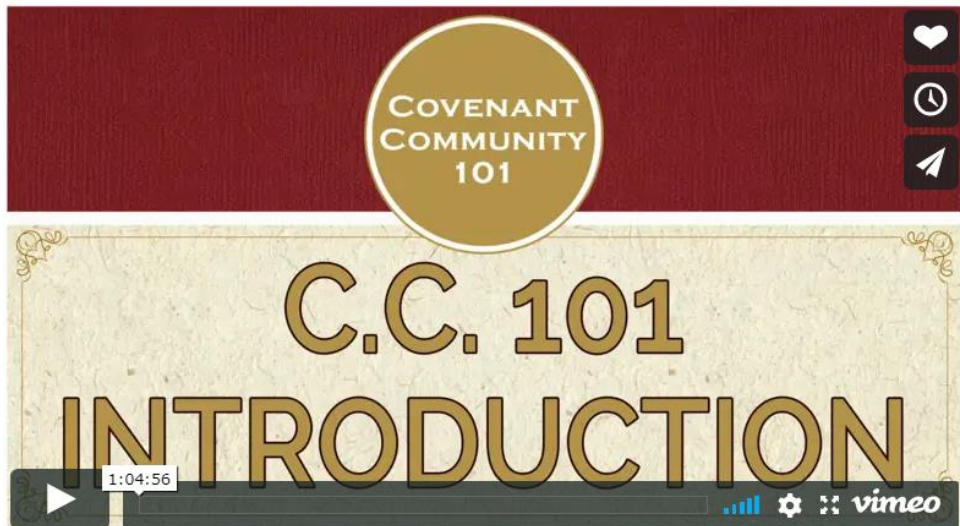
Its is an on going process. We will not always walk this out perfectly. But if we learn the art of gentle self-correcting and Teshuva, turning back around to Yah, we will stay on the path more than get off of it.

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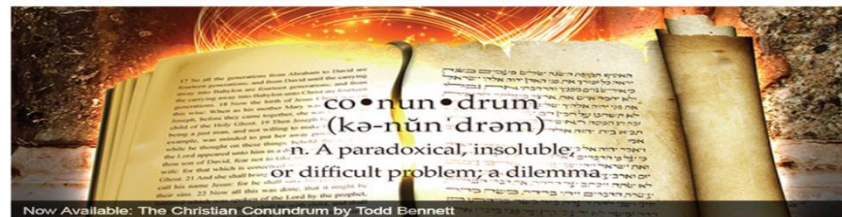
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