

Doctrinal Faith or Living Faith? What Have You Done? What Are You Doing Now?

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Second Timothy 2:14-15-Over the past 26 years in the Besorah ministry, my main platform and strength has been doctrine. I was and still am big on correct doctrine raining down from the shamayim. I was led by the NEED to be RIGHT 1 million % and getting it right 2 million%. I was consumed by that. I would fight, throw out, discipline, argue and wage internet & personal warfare over anyone that disagreed with the truth and yes, even the errors that I had adopted to be truth. And boy, did I have biblical justification do be stubborn, mean, aggressive and hard headed. Scriptures were on my side. Or so I thought; Second Timothy 4:1-8. I sure had biblical justification to fight the tov fight of emunah! And if that meant turning away from others, or removing others, I saw that as an act of piety and a badge of honor and discipleship Second Timothy 3:5.

Second Timothy 2:15-16-I believed that Yahushua called me as a leader and apostle to study and then fight others, if what they saw, or held to was different than what I saw in my own studies. Well it was a spiritual war wasn't it? I warred with everyone in recapturing the correct doctrinal understanding of my Hebraic roots. And I even had the biblical justification for my behaviors. I was pursuing knowledge and emet! First Timothy 4:16 supposedly taught me that BEING CORRECT in my teachings was the most important thing. As that would save me and save all those who heard emet from me. That's where my heart and my head were! I assume for many of you radical Hebraic roots types, that's where you find yourself on this Sukkoth! Zealous and hungry for the truth! **Willing to look down at others and separate from anyone that doesn't hold to the sound teachings you have come across.** Of course, sometimes it's a shock to learn that some of the teachings we thought were sound and were right from the Abba were not from Him at all; and we had to become just as radical on the very opposite side of the coin later on. A perfect example is your own understanding and transition from one house to two house theology, or from Sunday to Saturday Shabbat and then from Saturday to Solar Lunar Shabbat and from the evening to the sunrise start of a day. You thought you were as right back then on about Sunday, then about Saturday Shabbat, as you do now on lunar based Shabbats.

The point being that we are all growing and being discipled on this journey **to kingdom living.** This is what I had; DOCTRINAL FAITH (mostly right) with a healthy dose of stubbornness. I believed my doctrine would save me, as Rav Shaul said, but more than that, I thought that if

there were any kinks in my armor and any errors in my understanding of Hebraic roots doctrine and study, that both I and those who heard me might be lost, for the gathering of the sheep at the end of this age of re-gathering. **I carried this huge burden and edge, to somehow against human nature, always be right!**

I look back and see that my life was “some” personal relationship with Yahushua and a whole lot of doctrine for doctrines’ sake. Doctrine for doctrine’s sake is designed to divide, differentiate, or prompt your own self righteousness above another, or above others. It deceives you into thinking that you’re more spiritual and trustworthy; and that the less righteous are not that righteous as you are, in that they fail to grasp your revelation, or your own personal doctrinal emphasis. **This is where I HAVE BEEN. This is what I HAVE DONE. BUT I AM NO LONGER THERE!** Mine was a performance based works, to measure myself against others, to feel superior, or more attune to the Ruach, which led to a misuse of Torah; using it unlawfully to puff myself up with knowledge. As the knowledge increased, my love and empathy meter decreased. The Ruach of the Torah was gradually replaced by the letter of the Torah and by seeing study as the final goal, rather than living like Yahushua, as an Israelite, being the final goal! Knowledge alone puffs up, as the Word says, but it’s the love that edifies and thus changes people and makes them thirsty to change themselves.

If the truth be told, many here still struggle with this pursuit of Torah knowledge alone and the INSECURE and selfish NEED to be right. I still backslide into that trap occasionally. But through the trials of my Israelite lifestyle and the diminishing number of friends still with me, as I climb higher up Sinai for revelation, I have found a more excellent way. **AHAVH and EMET kissing. Telling the emet BUT IN AHAVAH.**

And what and how and who can I thank for this change of heart? LIFESTYLE-ISRAELITE LIVING, and a desire to rely more on walking in tolerance and patience and trusting YHWH to bring change, not me by doing it doctrinally, by banging others over the head with more study of their nation’s roots, until they submit to me through pressure. **I’m in the process of going from what I call mere doctrinal faith to a LIVING faith. And the only way to have a living faith where you experience the love and greatness of our culture is to ..well...LIVE IT! We live it to be set apart! We are not set apart by merely knowing or studying it! We come to a place where it’s more important to live like Jacob and Boaz in a tent with more than one covenant wife, or building an Israelite tribe, rather than attending a church with a paid professional and a great children’s ministry while being in strife at home. It is better to live like Israel humbly, than to dwell in a beachfront penthouse with no day to day reality of an Israelite lifestyle.** As parents, the greatest gift and as teachers the greatest gift that we can give our natural and our spiritual children is the gift of salvation, by Messiah’s blood atonement, followed by the EXAMPLE of

how we live set apart by such things such as who and how many wives we marry, who is the Torah leader of the home, what foods we allow in the home and body, what days we set apart to YHWH and how we can live in ahava and shalom with others; these and not doctrines are the real fruit of our conversion. Building families after His pattern is the ultimate calling and achievement.

If you dedicate yourself to live like an Israelite, the doctrines will come and fall into place. He will fix them all eventually! If you pursue doctrine and knowledge without, or apart from a firm commitment to take all the study and begin to LIVE like our forefathers, then the knowledge and the doctrine is in vain. Doctrinal faith must lead to living faith where Yahushua talks to you and walks you through the moadim, Shabbats and tribal relationships, teaching us how to build and unite, as opposed to withdrawing every time we disagree with one another. If you are constantly pulling away from others over doctrine, as I sadly did, you may be stuck where I was at one time. Doctrinal faith, as opposed to LIVING FAITH, where a risen Yahushua is living His life through you, so that the burden of living like an Israelite is not yours, but His and where if He is allowed to, He will take the burden off of you. He will walk with you and talk with you and allow you the honor of hearing his voice daily, as He shows you the more excellent way and the ultimate purposes of studying Torah; to make you more at shalom with community people and more trusting of a time tested lifestyle that has become foreign and weird, sometimes repulsive, yes even to us, who pursue righteousness.

The same Rav Shaul who commanded that Timothy guard his own doctrine, is the same one who showed him that living the straight and narrow way is better than studying the straight and narrow way; those who live the straight and narrow way, will ipso facto learn the straight and narrow way from the road and “yeshiva of hard knocks!” The same Rav Shaul calls upon these students of doctrine to graduate from a doctrinal Torah faith, like the unbelieving Jews have, to a LIVING NAZARENE YISRAELITE faith. First Timothy 1:4-5 teaches us that LOVE, FAMILY, COMMUNITY and LIFESTYLE are the purposes of our call here on earth. That is true kingdom preparation. First Timothy 1:8-10 teaches us that Torah study’s true purpose is to learn how to depart from sin. The Ruach and Yahushua’s voice is to guide us from there into ENTERING and living an Israelite lifestyle, the greatest school of Torah and ahava.

First Timothy 1:16 shows that we study doctrine so that we can become PATTERNS to emulate in a lifestyle that’s lived daily by Yahshua through us. How can we be patterns, or examples when we fight and wrestle with any call to really live like an Israelite, as we are challenged to not merely limit ourselves to study new things, instead of living those ways that have already been revealed? First Timothy 2:-9-15 teaches us the lifestyle of Israelite women. The overriding word is “SHABBAT GUARDING PIETY.” This is not a reference to keeping Shabbat

meticulously. NO. It's a term that calls you and me to grow in our relationship with Yahushua from mere doctrinal ascent to a living faith, by and because of the resurrection of Yahushua from the grave. The Greek word "esuabeio" MISTRANSLATED as godliness, or a lifestyle of set apartness, actually means "Shabbat guarding piety," not a reference to Shabbat observance alone, but to a believer's living like a Hebrew with the shalom and with the MASTER of the Shabbat guiding him in a conviction to make changes NOW; to LIVE this thing in all areas...dress, conversation, marriage, customs, charity, child rearing etc. etc. It's a catch term for those being caught up into the Israelite community.

First Timothy chapter three is a lifestyle manual of "Shabbat guarding piety" for men and specifically elders and overseers. In First Timothy 3:4-5 we the ISRAELITE FAMILY with many children and wives as the training ground for pastoral ministry. Why enter plural marriage if so called? Well, let me tell you; if you can learn to pastor multiple covenant wives, so that they are in shalom with each other, you don't need Dallas Theological Seminary, as that's mere doctrinal faith! That training worked for Moshe Rabainu and Kalev and others, why would it not work for you? We don't send men of YHWH into the home for training, like the patriarchs, who visited and LIVED in Noah, Shem and Ever's home to learn how to oversee a congregation, but rather they are sent to "head knowledge centers" of Latin and Greek! Are you getting this? How HIS ways are far higher than ours! And what do these seminaries produce? Greek leaders, who have to cheat, deceive and lie to their wives, if they desire another covenant woman. Always and all the time! They have exchanged the Israelite living faith for doctrinal faith, that disqualifies them from the BEST and ONLY training for the aspiring Israelite assembly leader.

First Timothy chapter three verse 11 speaks of the conduct of Israelite wives! See, doctrinal faith is not the goal. Living faith, a trust that beckons you to live apart from religion and the world is the goal! First Timothy 3:2 and 12, remind us that overseers must enter ministry by at LEAST one wife, i.e. he must be a married man. First Timothy 3:16 shows us that under the all inclusive catch phrase-godliness, or "Shabbat guarding piety-eu-sebia," we find both doctrinal faith and the living faith, the latter being the goal, the former being the jumping point, but not the finish line!

You see, the main lies and deceptions of the last days APOSTASY is not a departure from Greek, or Latin doctrinal faith at all; but primarily an apostasy from DAILY ISRAELITE LIVING, like Yahushua and the shlichim-apostles. First Timothy 4:1-5 speaks of marriage, brit milah, food and Shabbat, all key areas of LIVING as Yisrael, as the areas that are under end times attack! The Hebraic roots movement and the Messianic movements of all sorts will certainly applaud you as you STUDY doctrine with them and learn how to be more Jewish than the

Jews; but when you marry more than one covenant wife, or when you eat kosher and don't eat fungus as they do, or keep the calendar that Noah taught the patriarchs, or use Yahuwah and not god, they will persecute you and hate you for His name's sake. You will be hated and men will hide their faces from you; not if you have mere mental ascent, or doctrinal faith, but if you and your set apart family LIVE THIS THING DAILY!!! Without man's approval, or the govt's permission. **That's the call, the goal and the great challenge!** First Timothy 4:7-8 commands us to be trained in LIFESTYLE, or "Shabbat guarding piety," that catch phrase for a comprehensive lifestyle.

First Timothy 4:12-13 shows us both doctrinal faith and living faith and how both are required and not mere doctrinal faith to seduce you into self righteousness and pride! Both Rav Shaul and His son Timothy are called to be EXAMPLES to the tribes. Not just to study the solar lunar calendar and freak people out about the end times and UN concentration camps! No! They are called to be living positive, cheerful, contented EXAMPLES regardless of what time it really is **!!!!** SO WE CAN LIVE LIKE ISRAEL AND NOT MERELY STUDY!! What good is the studying if it makes you self righteous, arrogant and willing to separate from brethren at the drop of a hat! Behold how tov and how pleasant to YHWH for brethren to LIVE or to STUDY together in unity...which one is it? If you look carefully at first Timothy chapter 5, it's all about conduct in the Israelite community AFTER we are redeemed...it encompasses an entire support system of widows, elders, orphans, singles, married folks, elders, older mothers, the care of parents, the proper raising of babies and children, how to behave in the assembly, how to treat chronic sinners and rebellion and stubbornness in community etc. etc. That's the purpose of discipleship in Torah; to teach you doctrinal truth, that will allow you the vehicle to walk out that truth in COMMUNITY and in AHAVAH in a new attitude of selflessness!!!! Not create new reasons and excuses for separation and isolation!!!

First Timothy chapter 6 shows us how employers and employees in Israel must LIVE and interact with each other along with other living instructions; the entire propose of Israelite community is to teach us how to live together, not give us new revelation, which can often times become another excuse to separate from one another....where is everyone today?....more have left BYSW over the years than have stayed. Why? Where is the sense of obligation and commitment one to the other that First Timothy demands? First Timothy 6 shows us that it's all about "Shabbat guarding piety," with daily contentment and having our needs met in community. Whether that community is in one place daily, or whether that community assembles in one place periodically. **It's still about like mind in doctrine leading to "Shabbat guarding piety" not isolation!**

So the fight is not for mere correct doctrine, or doctrinal unity, but for the ahava-love of shared community and nationhood, empowering us to overcome the selfish desires to have our own things and our own ways.

Look at these words from First Timothy 6:

11 But you, O man of יהוה, flee these things; and follow after tzedakah, Shabbat-guarding piety, emunah, ahava, patience, and meekness.

12 Fight the tov fight of emunah, grab hold on eternal chayim, for which you are also called, and have professed a tov profession before many witnesses.

The fight is not for mere doctrinal purity, or unity, but for the lifestyle of purity. Note that “Shabbat guarding piety” entails not mere doctrinal faith, but a struggle to be more loving and less selfish than we used to be! **Not just less SHELLFISH BUT LESS SELFISH!** Less sarcastic, more sincere, more patient, more meekness, more loyalty and sincerity, more transparency and lastly a better EXAMPLE, OR PROFESSION for Israel and for the nations! Let us be known by our “Shabbat guarding pious” fruits, not our warfare over doctrinal differences. What mitzvah are we commanded to keep in First Timothy 6:14? The one mentioned back in verse 13. The good EXAMPLE, OR CONFESSION, OR PROFESSION to other disciples, still stuck in mere doctrinal faith, beckoning them to fully crossover (IVRI) to a lifestyle of DAILY “Shabbat guarding piety” more than just the correct Shabbat observance of the once a week 7th day Shabbat! Selah and shema kol Yisrael!!!! Second Timothy 2:22-24.

All who choose Israelite living will be targets of scorn, ridicule and lies; Second Timothy 3:12-13. Second Timothy 4:16-18. What’s the price of growing towards a living faith? The distinct possibility that all mere men of doctrine, void of care, concern and void of empathy, will hide their faces from you, in order to preserve their own self righteous reputation and their own compartmentalized world and work; they will forsake you, while they claim to others that they have no more attachments to you. It hurts, but YHWH is with you friend. Lechayim-To Life, now live the life to get the promised victor’s crown. Start a family, or join a family and become builders and restorers of the breach again! Look to Abraham and Sarah and build:

Yeshayahu-Isaiah 51: 1-3:

1 Listen to Me, you that follow after tzedakah, you that seek יהוה look to the Rock from which you are cut, and to the hole of the pit from where you are dug.

2 Look to Avraham your abba, and to Sarah that bore you: for I called him alone, blessed him, and made him fruitful, and increased him.

3 For יהוה shall comfort Tzion: He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Gan Ayden, and her desert like the Gan-Garden of יהוה; simcha and gilah shall be found in it, hodu, and the voice of melody.