



The Work of faith

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"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

Grace and shalom to each and every one of you, our dear friends, our true family in the faith!

Beloved of God, I give praise and heartfelt thanks to God for you. Thank you so much for all that you are in Him and all that you are to Trumpet. Words cannot express how vital is your oneness of heart and spirit with us in God's calling on our lives.

When the prodigal son demanded his inheritance immediately he lost the love, faith and hope he had towards his father! He wanted to be master of his own life, no longer directed by his father, yet he was neither satisfied nor content. He traveled to a far land distancing himself from his father and what's more - he wasted his inheritance!

But you, our true family in the faith, since being found by Yeshua, your true inheritance, you have gained great love, faith and hope towards God, our heavenly Father. You have become satisfied and deeply content, you have given up your own life and will to do the will of the Master, thus the life of Christ our Lord has become your life. You have chosen to become men and women of God, servants of the Most High and slaves of His Gospel. Unlike the prodigal son, the burning desire of your heart is to be directed by your heavenly Father, to be in His presence rather than apart from Him, you are willing to sacrifice anything in order to be one with the heart of the Father. Rather than squandering your inheritance - Yeshua - you are more than willing to invest all to the glory of Him who called you to a royal priesthood. You want to be a vessel in His hands, so that He might use you to provoke Israel - whom He had called initially to be a kingdom of priests - to jealousy.

Having discovered your true inheritance, beloved, I know that the cry of your heart is to see the kingdom of this world become the kingdom of our God. Since the desire of Yeshua to glorify God our Father is your heart's desire and you recognize the signs of the time and the ways in which God is dealing with Israel at this hour of His-tory, I urge you to grow in faith that works. ***"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."*** (Ephesians 2:10)

The only things that can hinder our works of faith are doubt, unbelief, a divided heart, or lack of vision and commitment. If we trust God wholly, without reservation, nothing can limit our faith, just as nothing could stop the faith of the Canaanite woman (Matthew 15:21-28) or the belief of the centurion. (Matthew 8:5-13) According to Yeshua it is very simple: ***"Everything is possible for him who believes."*** (Mark 9-23)

Although Gilgal is not yet ready to open, nevertheless, I can hear the word of the Lord:

"Your faith is great, be it done for you as you wish."

But what is our true faith? What is our true wish?

Beloved of God and Trumpet's family, our faith and wishes have nothing to do with the timing of the opening of Gilgal. They derive from God's own faith and the longing of His heart for Israel to finally hear of Yeshua in His Jewish context.

On the day that you joined the Trumpet family, a seed of faith was planted in your heart and a desire took root in your inner being to see the Jewish people come to a new and true understanding of Yeshua and the church that they might enter into their God-given promises. Therefore, like the Apostles, we must declare the Gospel of the kingdom in the knowledge that it is the Holy Spirit who turns hearts to God and adds people to the body of our Lord.

At the start of my walk with Him who called me to Himself, I could hardly imagine how such a wish for my people to know Yeshua could ever become a reality, but my burning desire from day one to please the lover of my soul and obey Him who leads us to our true inheritance did not leave me. Praise and all glory to God!

Yes, I had my ups and downs, and yes, because of some Pharisees and hypocrites in the body of Christ, I could have given up on God's calling and on my inheritance. I could have crushed the seed of faith and the wish of my heart and thus killed Messiah who was born within me. But I can shout hallelujah to Him, ***"who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works within us."*** (Ephesians 3:20)

If we only learn to focus on the power of God which raised Yeshua from the dead and is dwelling within us, if we are determined to build our life on the rock and not lose heart because of our weaknesses and failures, or because of people who choose to make themselves instruments of the devil against us, if we remember not to give room in our lives to unbelief, if we let Christ rise within us and if we remain united to the end - we shall truly bring glory to God and open a new chapter in the history of Israel and the church.

When we began to evangelize in Israel in 1981, and then obeyed God's call in 1996 to mobilize believers from the nations to provoke Israel to jealousy, we were part of a new move of God. Since then we have seen on-going and ever-increasing growth of Jewish believers in the land. Now that Trumpet is about to move into Gilgal, we are writing the first lines in an exciting new chapter. But you may be sure that from the very beginning the Holy Spirit has initiated and been responsible for overseeing the script. Trumpet's expansion is a response of obedience to God's call to: ***"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes."*** (Isaiah 54:2)

The prophetic voice of Gentile believers proclaiming the Gospel of the kingdom to the Jewish people in Israel is not a small matter to be taken lightly, but a great development in God's dealing with Israel and the church. This is something important to grasp, because apart from Balaam no Gentile ever spoke prophetically to Israel! Now with the impending opening of Gilgal this voice - your voice - will increase by unprecedented numbers. And each one of you in our Trumpet family can play a part in this development.

I want to call on any of you who are sitting on the fence to please get involved. I encourage those of you who are already committed to Trumpet to take a stronger grip on the plow and move into deeper water. The Lord has need of you - yes you - to advance His kingdom! If your wish is to bless Israel, then what better way could there be than to support - in whatever capacity you can - the work of Trumpet in bringing God's salvation to Israel at this hour of history?

Beloved of God, together we will finish the building of Gilgal. Each time since February 2007 that I have thought and said, "In one or two months all the work will be finished, the license will be granted, and we will move in," I have been surprised and deeply disappointed to see that Gilgal has not been ready. Now it is July, but no longer am I going to try to convince myself or you that in a few short weeks Gilgal will be open, yet it won't take much longer. We can see, "***Many are the thoughts in the heart of man but the counsel of the Lord shall stand.***" The timing is in His hands and His timing is perfect.

Perhaps this long delay has to do with the financial ability of Trumpet. God wants us to owe men nothing but love. At the end of every month we are amazed to find that we have the exact amount of money for our bills which you are helping us to pay. To give you just one example of the Lord's favor: on May 29, just 3 days before having to make our first of June payment, we had 14.000 Euros in our account in Germany, which was the exact sum that we were lacking! The Lord is so good to us! Bear in mind that if the work were to progress as quickly as we would like, the bills we have to pay at the end of each month would be much higher. It may well be that God, who knows the end from the beginning, is slowing the work down, thereby spreading out the payments, for He (and He alone) knows who will give to His work and how much. Each month we rejoice to see that the exact amount which God knows you will give equates precisely to the amount of work He has the workers accomplish and we need to pay. What a mighty God we serve!

Please do not let the enemy whisper into your ear that we are experiencing lack of success! Remember, success is the result of God's careful timing, not ours. If we are faithful in the place where God puts us, success is inevitable. Furthermore, all the glory belongs to Him and only to Him!

Let us apply the wisdom of our Lord to the opening of Gilgal. "***Do not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.***" (Mat. 6-34) When that glorious day of the opening comes, thanks to Him who is alive in us, a few more lines will be written in this new chapter concerning Israel and the church.

The Spirit of the living God stirred up believers in the body of Christ to build a house to the Lord in the city of Tel Aviv by the seashore. This house, called Gilgal, will be full of followers of Yeshua who have come to the Promised Land from the four corners of the earth in order to be rooted in their faith, to understand the Jewish culture and be a prophetic voice to God's covenant people, pursuing and alerting them to the promised kingdom.

These disciples of Yeshua are the voice of John the Baptist in the wilderness of the heart of Israel preparing the way of the Lord. As God promised, they keep coming in ever-increasing numbers. Forty years after the liberation of Jerusalem the one new man is building Gilgal in order to fulfill the heart desire of God. Ezra 1:1-4; Deuteronomy 32:21; Romans 11:11-15; Ezekiel 37:9; Isaiah 40:9 and 62:10-12. Please read all of these scriptures.

Father God, please order our footsteps and all our actions by your Word and Holy Spirit. Make our hearts sincere in response to your call; let discouragements have no dominion over us. Lord, give your children whom you have saved and called by the shedding of your blood, a cheerful heart in their giving and bless them for their generosity. May you continue to work miracles to supply our financial needs so that the work might soon be finished and Gilgal be open. Then we shall be so much more effective, and will continue to owe men nothing but love.

Lord, we thank you so much for this great call on our lives at such a time as this. Please keep us united in your love to the very end; may we continue to be committed as one heart and one spirit to finish our race, fighting the good fight in this mission which you have given us - for worthy you are!

With much joy and love, Jacob and Elisheva Damkani