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Jeremy

Shalom everybody, welcome to the Land of Israel Fellowship. We are broadcasting live from Texas, and it has been a journey. It has been an adventure. It was 5:00 in the morning on Thursday and my bags were packed, I had said goodbye to all of my children, I was about to get ready...the taxi was on the way to the Farm to pick up Ari and myself. And all of a sudden, I get a WhatsApp from Joshua Waller, one of the producers of the Israel Summit saying, "DO NOT GO TO THE AIRPORT!! Emojis, !!! DO NOT GO TO THE AIRPORT!! The Israel Summit has been cancelled." And the taxi is on its way, my bags are packed, we prepared our kids, everything was ready. Then all of a sudden, we had to make a decision. What are we going to do? Are we going to cancel our trip to the United States? The Israel Summit was cancelled. It was just a shock to me.

So, we had five minutes to make a call. We had five minutes to decide. Are we going to go to the United States? Are we going to stay in Israel? If we go to the United States, what are we going to do? The Israel Summit has been cancelled. But we have a Shabbaton. We have a Shabbaton and people from our Fellowship, they flew in from California, they flew in from Canada, some flew in from Montana, drove in from Arkansas, and Kansas. I mean they rearranged their lives to spend a Fellowship Shabbat with us. What are we going to do?

And both Tehila and Shaena said, "You have to go to Texas. You can't let our Fellowship down. They came for Shabbat, you have to come and spend Shabbat with them. And whatever happens will happen. And the Israel Summit will be postponed, maybe will be rescheduled, but that Shabbat has already been set in stone. People have changed their lives, you have to go and celebrate Shabbat with them." And so, at a last moment decision...

Ari

Well, we also reached out to Tommy Waller and to Ann Stacy. And Tommy said Ann was sleeping at the time, and Tommy said, "I'll go wake her up, but I don't need to. I know what she's going to say. She's going to say the Shabbaton is on, we're going to do this thing." So I said, "Don't wake her up." Because you guys know me. I don't scare easy unless it's about my wife and children. And leaving them on that mountain I was very, very, very conflicted about it. So in my mind, when I got that message from Joshua Waller saying don't go to the airport, it was a message from God. I shouldn't go. I'm not going to go. But then when Shaena said, "No

you must. This is the Fellowship. This is your family. These people are traveling from around the world.” It’s almost like I heard God saying, “Listen to the voice of your wife, Shaena.” That’s what it felt like. So go ahead, Jeremy.

Jeremy

So the truth is, the Israel Summit was meant to be hosted tomorrow. And I am still shocked that it’s cancelled. It’s one of the largest pro-Israel events in the United States, it’s in the heart of the United States, and they cancelled a pro-Israel event in Texas? That’s just so shocking to me because if they’re cancelling pro-Israel events in Texas, they’re cancelling pro-Israel events all across the country. If you can’t be outwardly loving of Israel and the Jewish people in Texas, it means that that is a bad sign for all of America.

Ari

Let me just say why Jeremy is saying that. A little bit of background. I’m a fourth generation Texan. Tell me another state in the Union that has a motto that everybody knows, “Don’t mess with Texas. Don’t mess with Texas.” I don’t hear don’t mess with Florida, don’t mess with New York. Just don’t mess with Texas. There’s a certain Texan pride, don’t tread on me.

And it just seems like they folded. And it was so shocking to me. When I say, “They folded,” it wasn’t HaYovel, it wasn’t the Wallers. It was these different venues that were saying they just got spooked. They got scared and the Wallers said that the biggest venue said they would have to pay \$600,000 in security in order to have this happen. And I said to Tommy, “Just tell them we don’t want one bit of security.” Just invite the members of the Fellowship. Just invite the participants of the Summit alone and tell them that they’re welcome to bear arms and nothing will happen. Nothing will happen. Why? Because these jihadists are just a bunch of cowards. All you have to do is stare them in the eye and say, “You’re invited, too.” But that’s not what I saw coming out of Texas and it really spooked me.

Jeremy

What we realized is that we are being terrorized. People that love Israel, people that love the Jewish people, they are being terrorized, meaning it is to instill fear and terror into people and you’re terrorized if you actually bow your head and cancel your event. So the enemy is winning. And I want to bring a different understanding. Everyone knows Genesis 12:3 that he who blesses Israel will be blessed and he who curses Israel will be cursed. Now there’s different dimensions of understanding that. One is, if you bless Israel, then God will bless you. And that’s true. But another dimension to understanding that is when you cancel a pro-Israel event, what that will do is, it’s not that you will be cursed, but that will encourage the jihadists and the WOKE to continue to send death threats, to continue to shut down more events.

Like, he who curses Israel, once you actually bend over and you kneel before the terrorism, cursing Israel, cancelling our events, then that will bring more curses upon you and only empower the enemy. Because it's not like any WOKE progressive liberal events or jihadist events are being cancelled. No Jew and no Christian are sending death threats to a pro-Palestine event. It's only the enemy that's being emboldened here.

And it's like the war in Israel is spreading. It's starting in Israel, and that's one of the reasons why every Jew around the world and every synagogue around the world is built facing Jerusalem. But, if you can imagine that since we were exiled from Jerusalem, wherever a Jew was in the world, he would wake up in the morning, and if he was in Texas he would face the east. And if he was in Africa, he would face the north. And in Europe, he would face the south. And Jews from around the world would always face Jerusalem as we prayed. And you can imagine an architect was brought into every synagogue ever built outside of the Land of Israel. And they built the synagogue facing Jerusalem. So every synagogue around the world is structured in a way that we're keeping our eyes and our prayers toward the Land of Israel. Because what happens in the Land of Israel is a mirror for what's to happen to everyone around the world.

And the war right now in Israel, it's been, you know, instead of a Six-Day War, it's been now a 600 plus day war. And this war just seems like endless. But now, the war is actually spreading around the world. And people now in the United States are being terrorized. Even the Shabbaton that we had, we had over a hundred people come to Granbury, Texas to celebrate Shabbat together with us. And there were members of our Fellowship that I had never met before in person. From Montana, you know I had never been to Montana before, and Canada.

Ari

And you know what they said? They said, "We came in for the Shabbaton. We didn't even come for the Israel Summit. We just came to meet you guys personally at the Shabbaton and our flight was anyways to go back after that Shabbaton." Even just that one couple from Montana that said that, it was enough for me to know that it was the right thing for me to come here to Texas to do that.

Jeremy

It was one of the most beautiful Shabbats of my life. I've had a few Shabbats with Fellowship members in Iowa, in Texas now, and those have always been the most memorable where they just allowed us to really fellowship, to really connect, to really see each other in person, to let our hearts sort of intertwine with each other.

Ari

Can I just tell you my favorite part? Is it ok that I keep interrupting you? So, my favorite...because our host, Ann Stacy, Lori Hines, Mike Isley, but it's at Ann's home. The Shabbaton was supposed to be at a community center somewhere. I don't know why that was canceled. Someone said it was too far away. We shouldn't walk there in the miserable blazing heat. I understood, but I had to change my shirt in the middle of the meal, just go upstairs. Because it was drenched through. It's like when you're connecting on the deepest of spiritual levels, the physical comforts don't even matter. It was so beautiful and transcendent.

And then after the dinner was the part for me that was the best. We did a Fellowship Connection on the Sabbath, in her home, sitting in chairs around this Lincoln log, beautiful living room. And we just asked questions and shared our hearts, and cried and laughed. Jeremy was passing out the entire time, it was worth it just to watch his struggle.

Jeremy

I was struggling. I was so tired, but I wanted so much to be with our Fellowship together. So I was like trying to keep my eyes awake, but then I would fall asleep, but then I would wake up. I was like just struggling the whole night.

Ari

But I was trying to cover for him. I kept saying, "you know we're learning Jewish meditation. Jeremy's just deep in meditation right now."

Jeremy

Anyway, you know, it was a marvelous, beautiful Shabbat. Then they came Shabbat day and we spent the whole afternoon together, literally until the night time. And it was just marvelous. And what I was noticing is, you know, it's like agents of light. And our Fellowship are just agents of light. There are people that are just here to spread love, to spread light, to spread goodness in the world. And our enemies are so dark. All they're doing is sending death threats and scaring, terrorizing. And what a division is being made among people nowadays that there are literally agents of light and agents of darkness.

Ari

But I also couldn't help but to reflect on the contrast. Meaning that without that contrast, without this darkness, this light wouldn't be revealed. We wouldn't know. That's like the function of darkness. In our world, we could get so emotional and angry at the evil that we're looking at. And that's not a bad thing to feel those very this worldly emotions. But sometimes it's ok to take a step back and to understand *eyn ode milvado*, there is nothing but God in the

world. And so the darkness is also from Him. And that darkness is there. The relationship, the love that I was feeling in that room, it was like it was an end in and of itself. That's what the Sabbath is. The Sabbath is a taste of the world to come. Because what you experience on the Sabbath isn't a means to an end. It's an end in and of itself. And that's what it felt like, the relationship. But we wouldn't have it, this wouldn't be happening in such a powerful way if it wasn't for this darkness that we're facing.

Jeremy

Well, I'll tell you that a part of the process is to encounter this darkness. Meaning people are saying, "Well, it's just so shocking to us what's happening in America now. The right-wing is being splintered. There are people that are even conservative Republicans now that are anti-Israel. There's nowhere to run, there's nowhere to hide. There's no place for anyone anymore. You know, the Jewish people thought, "Ok, well, we can kind of find solace in the Republican party. They're pro-Israel, they're pro-Jewish." And now that's being splintered. "Well, you know it may be bad in California, but there's always Texas." And now, Texas, there's no safe place in Texas anymore either.

But ultimately, that is all a part of the process. The prophets of Israel promised, they tell us, all nations will in one way or another turn their backs on Israel, they'll turn against Israel. And as the nations are turning against Israel and Israel begins to lose its favor, that's when the righteous among the nations separate themselves from the nations. They actually choose. You know, if you're already a Republican and you're pro-Israel and everyone's just, "Rah, rah, rah, Israel, Israel, Israel." Ok, that's not really a big deal. But the process that's going on right now, we learn this all the time. But the stories of the Torah and the stories in the prophets of Israel, they're not just history. They're not just telling us what happened, but they are prophetic blueprints for the future.

And after Moses begins the redemption process, he goes to Pharaoh and says, "Let my people go. They need to be free." Then Pharaoh doubles down on the Israelites and makes their life that much harder. In Exodus chapter 5, verses 22 and 23, it says,

"Why have you sent me?" Moses goes to God complaining and saying, "Ever since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your Name, he's dealt worse with this people and You have not saved Your people at all."

And so, as the redemption and liberation and salvation of Israel begins, there's a part in the process where it actually gets harder, right before the dawn, it gets darkest right before the light bursts out. And that is a blueprint within nature, it's a blueprint within the Torah, and it's also

what we can see before our very eyes. Because the redemption ultimately is meant to bring out the best within us.

And it's not going to bring out the best if Israel is the popular thing. If Israel is what everyone loves. I mean, very soon, everyone is going to want to be friends with Israel. Israel is going to be the center of the world. It's going to be the international capital of spirituality and prosperity. Everyone's going to want to be on Israel's side. But now, specifically, standing with Israel when it's not safe, standing with Israel when it's not popular, that's what is allowing the true believer to actually make a full revolution.

Because what is a revolution? A revolution is to go all the way around to the beginning. And what is being demanded of us now is a revolution to Abraham. And Abraham stood alone. The whole world was worshiping sticks and stones and idols, and he alone said, "I believe in the God, Creator of heaven and earth, the one true God." Everyone said, "But you're all alone. No one thinks that. You're crazy, Abraham."

And Abraham said, "All of you are wrong, and I am standing with my own truth." And right now, that is exactly what's happening. As it becomes more and more dangerous, less and less popular, as the war against Israel begins to spread throughout the nations, it allows everyone to encounter the Abraham within them. And they can live out the revolution of being attached to Abraham. That's why already what's happening, the sparks, the first rays of the Messianic era are called the Abraham Accords. Those are the first Arab countries that signed peace with Israel. And under whose name? Under the covenant of Abraham. That's not a coincidence. It's all of us are returning back to the base covenant that God had with Abraham who was a Hebrew. And Hebrew literally means, ivri, on the other side. It means to stand alone. It means to be different. It means to follow your truth no matter what. And now it's allowing everyone to actually follow the truth that God has placed in their hearts.

Ari

I just want to share. We spoke about this idea on Friday night and I'm sitting here looking at the faces and getting so excited. I'm like, "Oh, look, Suzanne and her sweet daughter. They were just sitting there and we were having the Fellowship with them. And Penny and Christa and so many of the faces and Pat, I just saw them, where are they? And we're just scanning through all the pages here. So many of you were there with us and we got to see you in person. And it's just so exciting. Pat and Rich, hi, good to see you. Think about how exciting it is to see us in person. It's just as exciting for us to see you, right?"

And so, we were talking about the Hebrews, because there's always this question. What do we call each other? Every one of the themes that I see is this sort of spiritual loneliness. Penny spoke up about how she felt alone in Arkansas, that she's one of the only Hebrews, she said, in Arkansas. And that really spoke to me. She spoke about how isolating it is and how difficult it is. And she's jealous of us, that we're at least within a community in Judea, that we're facing the same thing. And by the way, that really spoke to my heart because you know the aloneness that I have heard from so many of you that you feel, the distance, the isolation...

When I'm here in America, I fall apart spiritually. I come apart at the seams. It's like spiritual kryptonite for me to be here. And it's weird because I'm sharing a message that's so, so, so, so important. But then I just feel so distant, and I feel like I'm running on fumes and that it's difficult to explain. And then you're all here and just holding on for dear life? It just makes me empathize and forget empathize. Respect. I just respect you guys so much what you're going through in being a part of this mission.

Because the fact is, that the attack that was led to the cancellation of this event, the threats, it wasn't an attack on the event. It was an attack on the idea of Israel itself. Jeremy spoke about this on Friday night. He said, "Atem edi," we are God's witnesses. But if we're God's witnesses, then who's on trial? The answer is that God is on trial. Right? This was an assault on God, and an attempt to stand in God's way, to put the brakes on God's will, to stop the unfolding redemption.

And by the way, there has to be a certain amount of respect for our adversaries, right now. We see the ingathering of the exiles, the revival of the Hebrew language, the mountains of Judea that were thorns and thistles are turning green and giving forth their fruits. All of these prophecies are coming true and nonetheless, they're still standing against it and fighting against it with all that they have. You got to respect that and in some ways be inspired by that, to fight even stronger for the redemption. Remember the idea of the fractals, that we're here to like see each other.

You know, Britt Waller. He stood up and he said, "We were just humbled. We felt humbled in HaYovel." Not like the humbled like, "Oh, I'm just so humbled so many people showed up." Humbled like, these guys, HaYovel that were putting the summit together, are fighters. He said it's not hard for them to stay up 24/7 to fight with all they have. The hardest thing for them was to actually come to terms with the fact that they had no choice. Their backs were to the wall, the event was cancelled the day before. There wasn't time to get another. They had no choice, and the event needed to be cancelled. We don't understand that the cancellation of the event, in ways that we don't understand, advanced God's will towards redemption more than having

the event itself. Right? Because the cancellation was God's will. How do I know it was God's will? Because it happened. Because it happened. Everything that's happening right now is God's will and it's not our place to necessarily understand it. When we know in our hearts that it's God's will, then it gives us the godly glasses that we can view it. And then sometimes we're blessed with little flashes of seeing, "Oh, how perfect this really is." But we're not really gifted with that until we internalize into our hearts and believe fully that this is God's will because it's happening. Gam zu l'tovah, this too is for the good. Ein ode milvado. Is there something you want to say?

Jeremy

When we talk about *atem edi*, that Israel is God's witness...that's what it says in Isaiah, chapter 43. Now, that's really a remarkable idea because Israel was promised first to be an eternal covenant with God, an eternal People. And Israel today is the only ancient people alive from the days of the Bible. All of the nations mentioned in the Bible, the Jebusites, the Moabites, the Canaanites, the Egyptians today are Arab Muslims. They're not the Pharaohs and the Egyptian people of old. It's not the same God, it's not the same culture, it's not the same people. The only ancient people that is alive today from the day of that covenant is Israel. We are a living witness that God's testimony, that God's covenant is true.

And if only they could kill the witness. Because right now, Israel and the Land of Israel is the only thing that you can read the Bible, you can look at with your physical eye, point at with your physical finger and say, "The Bible is true, God is alive, Israel is back in its Land, God runs the world." If they kill the witness, then everything becomes a belief, everything becomes a hope, everything is a theology and theology is up for debate.

And so, Israel is being attacked now, but the attack is actually God. But what they don't realize is that everything that happens ultimately is only here to push the redemption process forward. Even if we can't understand it right now, the event being cancelled, when Israel is attacked, that's when we become stronger. That's when we actually return to who we need to be, to the place we need to be. I already know that there are several Jews in America right now that are saying, "Listen, our synagogues are not safe anymore. Our Jewish schools are not safe anymore. We're not even safe in Texas." And they're beginning once again to think about where they should be because ultimately their home is the Land of Israel.

Ari

Unfortunately, Jeremy says many Jews, it's not...one of the things that plagues me the most, that torments me the most, is the spiritual slumber, the head in the sand, the closed eyes, that I see in American Jewry. Like they should be looking at this and saying, "What is going on?"

Right? Because at the end of the day, this event being cancelled, if it really was accomplishing God's will of furthering redemption, then what is the message of that? And I think that the message is that...because if the event happened, then ok, events like this can still happen, especially in Texas. But if it's shut down, then that means there is a transition happening in America, around the world, but in America in a very large, highly momentumized, if that's a word, degree that it skipped Washington and New York and it's went straight to Texas and it shut it down.

Because for 20 years, more than that, Jeremy and I are going around and sharing the beauty of Israel. Come, come home, the passion and the joy and the happiness, and the purpose...just fishing. We're fishing, we're offering bait, real true bait. It's not an illusion. It's real beauty that we're trying to attract people to Israel with. Because in my mind, it's beneath the dignity of the Land of Israel and the God of Israel for people to run away and look at Israel like a last-ditch effort, like a bomb shelter that they need to run to because they have no choice. But if that's how they look at it, then that's how they look at it as long as it brings them home.

Because what does the prophet Jeremiah say? "Behold, I will send many fishers, says the Lord, and they shall fish them. And afterwards, they will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain."

We are entering this Land of the time of the hunters, the season of the fishers is fading and the season of the hunters are coming. It's not coming. We're in it! Jews are being gunned down outside of Holocaust museums in Washington. It's not a really big story because the killer wasn't wearing a MAGA hat, but it's a real story that's happening. It's real. What happened with the Summit isn't an isolated threat. It's the next wave. The warning signs are everywhere. College campuses are aflame with Jew hatred. Mobs are roaming the street with chants of annihilation. Leaders are just like stammering excuses, and they of course always say, "There's no room for anti-Semitism or Islamophobia." They always like group them together, it's so lame and silly. You know, everyone's looking away. The establishment Jewish leaders aren't saying a word about it.

And we're entering a new chapter where Israel is no longer culturally acceptable. And being a Jew...the writing isn't on the wall anymore. It's in the streets, it's marching in the streets. And we've quoted this before in the Fellowship, but now it feels truer than ever. That when Jacob saw that the countenance of Laban was not towards him, looking towards him as before, as we read in the book of Bereshit, that's when he realized it was time to go. And that's where we're at.

When I hear all of these right-wing, formerly either silent about Israel or pro-Israel voices that are now anti-Israel in this time, in the time where it's never been clearer, the degree of darkness and genocidal jihadist, Nazi hatred that we're facing, and now is the time where Christian right-wing conservatives are starting to waver? That's where I think we're at right now. And it's really like a place to take an accounting, to open up and to blast the shofar, to blast the shofar.

Jeremy, is there anything you want to...

Jeremy

Yeah, I think that it's really interesting to note that what's happening now is not going to be cultural. That's the dividing line. Until now, it's like, ok, Republicans, conservatives, they're pro-Israel. And if you're WOKE, liberal Democrat, you're going to be anti-Israel. This is happening right now under the Trump administration. Once Donald Trump was elected as president, I was like, "Ohhh, ahhhh, I can breathe again. Now, there's going to be a time prosperity and peace."

Ari

You had that, not me!

Jeremy

I thought that we had at least four years of peace and quiet. And what we're realizing is that this has nothing to do with culture and politics. The dividing line is going to be believers in God, believers in the Bible. That's what it's going to boil down to. And there are right-wing conservative voices that don't really believe in Scripture. And that's why they're able to kind of bring in replacement theology, turn things around, convert to Catholicism, and find some way to manipulate the simple meaning of the Bible. But right now, that's what's being promoted and it's allowing the real believers to unite.

And what was so beautiful was seeing all of these Fellowship members come together from across North America here in Texas and getting a taste of what it will be like. Shabbat, they say, is a taste of the Messianic era. Because when Mashiach comes, that's it. We're done. When Mashiach comes, that's when there will be no more wars. There'll be no more sickness. All of our efforts, we will take our weapons of destruction and convert them into tools of productivity. That's what beating your swords into plowshares means. It means that instead of investing money in Iron Domes, we'll invest money in cancer research, we'll solve every problem known to man with the help of God.

And when Shabbat comes, we should taste what it's like that we don't need to do anything. Where everything is exactly the way it's meant to be. And having Shabbat together with believers from different backgrounds and different understandings and different states and

different countries...having us all together celebrating Shabbat, it was a taste of Mashiach. And what brought us all together? Even though we have different theologies, even though we have different cultures and different backgrounds, it was that all of us simply believe in God and simply believe in the Bible. And it brought us all together.

Ari

You know, there's a sort of strange thing that I found myself doing that I actually codified. And I have like all of these papers here because you know the sages teach us that these prophecies from Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, very much are for our times, for the end times which are going to be so terrifying and tumultuous that we need these prophecies to hold onto to know that God is with us, to know how this is going to turn out. And I've started just sort of saying, "What are the prophecies that are comforting me? What are the prophecies that we need? And I've started sort of aggregating them on this Google doc. The prophecies about Israel standing alone at the end of days. There's a lot of them. I would love to just go through them with you. I don't know that we'll do that right now because I want to make sure we have time to connect with each other. The ingathering of the exiles, replacement theology, curses to blessings, the righteous of the nations, the ingathering of the exiles.

"And it shall come to pass, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the coasts of the earth. I will say to the north, give them up, to the south, keep not back. Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth."

What is happening in the hearts of the nations, of the Labans looking at us differently. God is leading that. Because these Jews that I see, in the New York Jewry are so deeply entrenched that they don't have the eyes to see and the ears to hear. And this is not...You know, I said this and there was a Jewish woman from New York that flew down from New York to be here. And she's like, "Well, then you must not like me." And I'm like, "I love you! I love you. This is coming from a place of love."

And that's unfortunately, sometimes when you say a message that people don't want to hear, they think you don't like them. It's so much easier not to say the message. Not to say the message, but this is not a moment yet of full despair. It's a call to return. It's not just a physical return, a spiritual return, a covenantal return, a national return, but ultimately, it's time to come home. And the gates are still open. But the question is for how long? Israel was not meant to be the backup plan. It's the promise. And every generation has a choice, right? You either cling to Babylon or you return to Zion. And it's just time to come home before there's no place to run.

And you know, this week's Torah portion, we learn about Birkat Cohanim, right? "May Hashem bless you and protect you." And that is more than just a blessing. When it's said in English, May HaShem bless you and protect you, it's almost like a request or a blessing. But in the Hebrew, it's more than a blessing. It's a promise. It's a declaration of a truth that this is God's posture towards us. That even in times of danger, when threats loom, God's face is still shining upon us, in some ways more than ever. In some ways, more than ever, right?

God is looking at us through the windows, but peering at us through the cracks. Right? We've talked about this before. Looking us through the windows. When you look through the window, you see everything. You see your kids playing outside, you see the cars going by, you see the dog running by. But when you're really hiding and your kid can't see you through the window in the other way, but you're looking through a crack, all you see is what you're looking at. So in the times where God is hidden and we can't really see Him, we need to know that He is looking at us and blessing us and with us more than ever before. It's just hard to remember that.

And this week's Torah portion is like a reminder that that blessing of the priest isn't a blessing, it's not just a request, it's really a declaration of a truth. And in the parsha of Nasso, right? Each tribe needs to step up. Each leader brings their offering, right? No one can just be passive. And that was really an interesting thing that I saw happen here is that every person, I had so many people, the Wallers were telling me that bought their tickets to the Summit, when the Summit was cancelled, they said again and again, it was the same words. They said, "Don't refund me. Keep the money for the ticket." And again and again and again. And it was like repetitive.

And it made me think of the Torah portion where each prince from each tribe was giving their offering, and it was the same offering, but each one was stated out in total detail, even though it was the same words. But what made it different? What made it different was the person giving it was different. And so it was a different experience for God to receive it. And I'm looking at what the Wallers are doing, and I'm looking at what all of the people in the Fellowship are doing. Each of us, it's different. Sometimes people say to us, "What can we do to bless you? What can we do to help?" And the ultimate truth is that's not really something that we can tell you. That's something that is unique to you. That you know what you have to bring. You know what you have to help. You know what you have to do. There're certain things that are true for everyone. Prayers and blessings, you're all supporting us in every way. But there's also a unique gift that each of you have to bring from your heart that we can't tell you. And so that was just like a really, really beautiful part of this whole thing.

Jeremy

I think that if we are indeed living in the times right before Mashiach, if we're indeed living in the times of redemption, then we have to know that everything that's happening right now around us is ultimately here to bring the best out from within us. And you know, if things are an easy ride and it's just simple, that doesn't really build your spiritual muscles, your physical muscles, it doesn't really bring the best out within us.

You know I am in the most unique point in my relationship with Tehila. This is the first time I've left her since my horse accident. And we've been literally glued to the hip for more than a year now. And it was such a hard year for her because she was carrying everything on her shoulders. She was carrying the home, she was helping carry the Fellowship, she was helping carry the children, she was taking care of me, she was pushing me around in a wheelchair from hospital to hospital, from surgery to surgery. And what happened was, is that now I feel more in love with Tehila than I've ever felt in my entire life. And I know that that's a gift because I'm just in my mid 40's. All of a sudden there's like a new love affair between me and Tehila. But it was specifically the hard times that brought out the most beautiful within her that allowed me to see who she really is, even deeper than I thought.

And so, all of us right now, those that stand with Israel, those that stand with the Jewish people, those that want to live a Hebrew life, a Torah life, it will not be a simple ride. It won't be a popular ride. It will force us to be who HaShem created us to be. And that actually is a part of the redemption process. It's not that Mashiach is going to come and we're all going to be airlifted to Israel. The redemption, Mashiach coming has a lot to do with the Mashiach within all of us. All of us have a spark of Mashiach within us. All of us have a spark of HaShem within us that needs to flourish, that needs to come out. And as we continue to grow closer and closer to the redemption, that spark will continue to grow.

Ari

Yea, I just want to say two very important things. Number one, Shaena and I have a better relationship than Jeremy and Tehila, I just want to put that out there. Need to know that. I'm just kidding, sort of, I don't know. No, but it really has been a very special thing to see, also in Jeremy's life, and in my life the way the adversity and the darkness have really brought so much light.

And I think that we have those little glimpses because right now, I believe for whatever it's worth, that this is just the beginning right now. That what we're seeing in Texas is... what starts in Judea and in Jerusalem and in Israel, goes to the entire world. And to go from the nation of Israel, the star of David, to the lone star state and seeing that...because I used to always say, "You know what? They're shooting missiles at us. They're shooting missiles at us. I'm born in

Texas, fourth generation. You know what they would do if Mexico shot one missile into Texas? What would happen?" Now, I don't know that that's the case because everything that's happening in Israel is now starting to be reflected.

I remember that when America was pressuring Israel to disengage from Gaza, to transfer the Jewish community out of Gaza. I remember being there in the cemetery when they had to dig up the graves of the Jews that were murdered by the very jihadists that they're giving the Land to. Because if they didn't dig up the graves of the Jews and bring them into Jerusalem, then they would be dug up by the jihadist and their bodies would be desecrated, without a question.

And the next day, the next day, there was in the front page of Time magazine, there was in New Orleans, there was a hurricane and it showed the cemetery and all of these coffins that had been uprooted with coffins open and the bodies coming out. And it was the next day, meaning what is happening is happening to the world. And that's why I really feel like Israel, we need to stop making appeals to the world. We need to, first of all, here in this Fellowship, we need to strengthen each other and we need to be really praying and thinking and asking God for guidance. Because where we put our energies now is very consequential, very consequential.

Because I can understand why we're receiving so much hatred and darkness from the world about the war in Gaza. Because in my heart, we're not really supposed to be fighting this war in Gaza anymore. It's like there's a poisonous, evil, toxic squid and we're just so busy with one of its tentacles. No, what does Thoreau say that we love to quote so much? Thousands are hacking away at the branches of evil for one that's striking at the root. So then we say, "What is the root?" What is the root? And I always say, "Well, the root is Iran. We need to go and attack Iran. "

But I'm not sure anymore. I think the root of the whole thing, the root of the jihad is rooted in this belief that Allah is the ultimate god and that every other faith and everyone needs to be subjugated and sublimated and bow its head in shame because they are false and they have the only truth. And what really needs to be uprooted is the jihad itself. And what does that mean? Look at Pakistan and India. Is it about the Pakistani liberation of the independence? It's the same nonsense around the world. They go and they went into India and every Hindu temple, they would either knock down or build a mosque right next to it, towering over it. That is what it's about.

We need to go to the Temple Mount and start building the Temple. That is all we need to start doing. What does that mean? I don't know. We need to just start doing it. We need to start telling the world this is what we are doing now. We are building the Temple, we are preparing

for the building of the Temple, we are laying the foundations for the Temple, we need to elect leaders that are saying...by the way, as the West is turning these kids that are going to these Qatari-funded universities, hundreds of millions of dollars over the past 20 years from Qatar and China are turning into left-wing liberal socialists enmass, in Israel during the last elections, Itamar ben Gavir, like saying that he's the ultimate leader at all, but he is a leader that fears God, that talks about the building of the Temple. If people only under the age of 21 were able to vote, they say he would have been prime minister. That's where the nation of Israel is going.

And so, we need that voice of the Judean shackled lion. We need to unshackle the lion and we need to start building the Temple because that is the only thing that is going to really bring the light. And that's the reason in my mind all of this darkness is coming.

Now we have some time left. I don't want to spend too much time on all of this, but I do want to bless all of you at this point right now. And then open up to questions and thoughts. Hopefully you've come with some of that. If you have, we would love to hear from you. We just got a taste of it on Friday night. And then Shabbat, the event was supposed to be from 3:30 to 5. It ended at 7:30 and only because people were pried out of there by force. It was like four hours of just talking and connecting and questions and love. It was just very special. I really felt the spirit of God in there with us.

So yes, with that, I would love to bless all of you, the blessing of this week's Torah portion, the blessing of the High Priest and the priests of Israel to the nation of Israel. But as you know, I'm not a priest of Israel, but the nation of Israel, we are a nation of priests. And with that, I would love to bless all of you and then open up to questions.

Aaronic blessing (Hebrew)

May God bless and protect you. May He shine His light and His countenance upon you. May He give you peace. Amen.