Transcript - Having Faith in Yahweh

Chag Sameach. We just sang a beautiful song. It says: praise Yahweh, oh my soul. Nafshi, my soul; halleli, praise, praise Yahweh. And when we sang, and then in the last part we sang, in my life I will sing to my Elohim.

I want to talk today about, oh many things, and there are so many things on my heart, and I have about 15 minutes. So, as I know, I cannot bring over what it needs to be, I pray that the Holy Spirit will do his part for that.

We serve a great El. When I work in Tel Aviv, and when I go up, sometimes when I want to praise Elohim, I go climb up on the building where I'm sitting at, I turn towards the mountain range. I know over there is Jerusalem. I only see the mountains; I don't see Jerusalem. But I start thanking Yahweh, praising Him. And if I'm down spiritually, I go there and I pray to Him. And I'm always looking for, I'm always looking out to the hills where His salvation is coming from, to save us.

When I walk by there, there is like the institute that looks for everything that has to do with the universe, with stars. They're sitting on top of the building, and they have an observatory somewhere. And they do all those calculations: how big is that star, how bright is that? Is there black hole and so on?

Well, sometimes I like to do those calculations. Like when we're in an earthquake early warning, at the time when we warn the people, want to warn them, we're not able to tell them how big will the earthquake become. We know it's serious now, get ready. So, it can always be bigger. So, that's a principle that I like to apply because many things are unmeasurable. But if you know the minimum of it, and you see how much greater the truth will be, that is something beautiful.

And I recently did a calculation. And that's why I started like this, going up to that institute that watches the universe, and does all those calculations. The sun, we know the light, to get from the sun to here is about nine minutes. That it takes the sun, when it bursts from the surface of the sun, the lights to come here and hit the ground on the earth, nine minutes.

With many calculations, everything that we can observe of the universe, like our instruments fail to see how huge the universe is. Some people believe it's eternal, infinite. But what we can measure, it's at least 91 billion light years. That means the light that is unmeasurable fast, from the sun that is so far away it takes nine minutes to come here, it takes it 91 billion years to go from one end of the observable universe to the other end.

So, the universe in any way is unmeasurably large and huge. And you can't imagine that numbers, so we always have to relate to it. So, in relation, I just compare it: how much bigger is it than me and you? So, it's about a million times a billion, times a trillion times bigger than you and me.

So now comes the beauty of it all. Elohim encompasses all, right? We know the stars in the universe, as His finger, His handiwork, the work of His hands of His fingers. So, Yahweh is so much bigger than that, bigger than me. Infinite. And as He is in size, He is in character as well.

I see my faults, I see how I'm failing, but I know His faithfulness is larger than the universe, it says as far as the clouds go. Even in **Psalm 103** it says, like where it talks about, that we are as the grass, men is as the grass, as the flower of the fields where it flourishes, and the wind blows over it and it is not. But the mercy of Yahweh is from everlasting, even to everlasting. There is nothing more that it could describe. Yahweh's mercy comes out of eternity, it's infinite, fills space and time, and goes and reaches into eternity.

So, everything that I think I cannot, Amen, I cannot, but I know I have a great Elohim who's behind me, who can cover all my sins, who can do everything, and who can transform, like John Newton once sang it, a wretch like me, into a beautiful planting, like Orly yesterday said in the house and the courts of Yahweh.

So, we had heard many good messages, and we often were reminded that we're living in the time of Laodicea, right? And in a way, for the brothers and sisters, I can refer to us as Laodiceans, some ex-Laodiceans, that are all on the move that say, "We don't want to live there anymore; we don't want to live in a world of façade. We want to move to Philadelphia," spiritually said, "We don't want to keep the old men, behold all things have become new."

So sometimes that's ... you know, a move is always something you dread to do because you see all the problems and everything that's ahead, with a move. But on the other side, if you keep your eyes on the goal, then it's the most beautiful thing. And you see every day that you do another step, you come closer to that goal. And some of us have moved a long time ago, some of us are just starting today, some of us will hopefully start tomorrow, others a month from now. I hope that we all hear the call that Yahweh calls us with and that we follow Him to get there every day a bit closer.

In Revelation 3, and that's the beautiful hope about the great talks to those in Laodicea still, and that's pretty much the main message that I want to bring over today. In verse 20 ... So, He talks about Laodicea, telling them how lukewarm they are, that they don't understand even how miserable they are, how much they are lacking. In verse 20, it says,

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door "and knock:" If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will enter to him, and I will dine with him, and he with Me.

In Babylon, about every eighth person suffers under serious personal disorder, every eighth person under serious. And most people between are just on the way going there. It goes from depression, we have so many anti-depressant that people take that even the rivers are flooded with it, that they made a study and the fish in there, they're not afraid anymore. Like the little ones, they don't go in the darkness to hide, they just go out to the big ones and are just eaten, because they're so happy, because they're all full of anti-depressant. That's a funny thing if you think about it, but if you think where it comes from, it's extremely sad. It shows us what's preached every day. Babylon, the system of it is a facade. We try to get things that make us happy, and they can never, they can never.

We read in Isaiah 55. Oh wait, let's go to first to, I think Haggai. In chapter one, verse five. And Yahweh says,

Haggai 1:5-7 And now, so says YAHWEH of Hosts: Set your heart on your ways! You have sown much, and bring in little; you eat, but are not satisfied; you drink, but not to be filled; you dress, but there is no warmth to one. Yea, one earning wages, earns his wages to put it into a bag with holes. So says YAHWEH of Hosts: Set your heart on your ways.

So, Yahweh wants us to see that if we live in this world, we eat, we consume, we do things that we think brings us happiness, to fill the void in us, just to cover that void, because it never fills. There is no way, and it will never satisfy us.

When we now go to Isaiah, to the 55th chapter. There is, something that Yahshua repeats later, like tomorrow, many, many years ago, on the last great day, "Ho everyone who thirsts come me to Me." It says in Isaiah 55,

Isa 55:1-3 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the water; and he who has no money, come buy grain and eat. Yes, come buy grain, wine and milk without silver and with no price. Why do you weigh out silver for that which is not bread, and your labor for what never satisfies? Listen carefully to Me and eat the good; and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Bend your ear and come to Me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will cut an everlasting covenant with you, the faithful mercies of David.

In this world, we often go to things that we think will satisfy us. But we know in this end time, like we've seen the movies with Richard Wurmbrand, if we are ... if our belief is here (*he points to his head*) and didn't become a conviction, it will not help us. Like, I'm so thankful for Yahweh, everything He helped me to overcome. I wanted to overcome these things. I thought Yahweh requires of me to do these things, to be righteous, a righteous person. And I came from the totally

wrong side. I thought I have to be that person, so I can be accepted of Yahweh. I have to be righteous. If I see something bad in my life, I have to change. And I tried to change.

And you know what, when I look back now, there's so many things where I have changed. My wife would probably say, "Well, I hope we'll go much faster, Andi." But I see in the little things that have changed. And the thing afterwards when I look back is, everything where I was fighting to change never worked. But later, a month ago, a month later, not even dealing with that issue anymore because I was somewhere else, everything disappeared.

All these things that I had since years, addictions and lusts and things that I was dragging with me, I wanted to overcome and I couldn't since my childhood. And in the end, it turned out. And that's the thing that I want to say to everyone who listens, that to everyone who is out there who is desperate that he just does not change- You cannot do it.

I believe that it says, the truth shall set you free. You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free. Yes, we have to learn the Word. It says also, Messiah shall dwell in your hearts being rooted and founded in love; by faith you shall dwell in our hearts. Yahweh has to do that in us. And there's no way that you can **ever** do it. You will fail and fail again if you try to.

It says, do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. There is no good in you that you could bring and Elohim knows that. Yahshua said in **John 15:5** I think, He says in a very kind way, nice way, "Without Me you can do **nothing**." But the chapter before He says, "If you ask anything of the Father in My name, I will do it." And a few verses before that He even says, "The works which I'm doing, the Father who dwells in Me, He does them."

So, there is no good in you, there's no good in me that we could bring. The only thing where the good comes from ... and I thought when Wilco had his message about the babies in the womb, the umbilical cord, right, connects the baby with the, how do you call the uterus? Is that or the- placenta, that's the thing. That's the way like the Holy Spirit connects us with the Father.

It is something, and the baby, there's no way it would have any minerals, any energy, anything it would need; everything it needs is totally dependent of this little channel that comes from the mother and goes to the baby. If it would cut itself off, if it would squeeze it off, then it will not grow. And there's nothing that would ever produce any fruit. We have heard yesterday about producing fruit and that we have to be planted in the good ground. The Holy Spirit has to be in us and we have to **use** what He puts in us.

And we have to be honest with ourselves that in the morning, or if I failed in anything, I have to go to Yahweh. Let's say I got angry, and I know I'm angry, and I don't want to be angry, but I cannot do anything, but right now I'm angry. So, you cannot stop being angry, maybe you can force yourself and do something, but I believe then you end up in the corner where all the depressive people are because you've got to see that you fail and it's just something that you try to work up.

In the morning you just have to go to Yahweh, says "I cannot do anything." Or when you're angry you have to say, "I cannot do anything without you. I need you so much. I'm angry right now. You know, I don't even feel like praying right now, please change my heart and open it right now."

We have to be honest. And whenever I was, like sometimes I was sitting for an hour just trying to get before Yahweh. I know from the state I was in, I could not and I tried to behave and be the one that I should be so I can come into His presence. And then I realized when I just asked Him, "Yahweh, please do it in me. Please help me to open my heart for Your love. Please make you me righteous. Please bring You the works, the good ones." And He did it.

I started to have people on the way that it could help and He trained me. And He's still training me; I'm just at the beginning. But I'm seeing He's faithful every day. And whenever I fail, and ever when I think I failed bad, His faithfulness was even greater. When I ever thought, "Man, I went too far right now, now I can give it up," that's what the devil wants us to believe. But then again, His mercy's from everlasting to everlasting. And His thoughts that are good, and we put a higher as the heavens to the earth, as high as the heavens above the earth.

In Zephaniah, we put this verse up. Because sometimes when you try to overcome you get discouraged if you just see it doesn't work, it doesn't work. And as I said, you have to look to the goal, to where you're going to and not where you're coming from because Yahweh doesn't look at us what we are, but He's seeing what we will be and what we can be. And in verse 17 of chapter 3, it says,

Zephaniah 3:17 YAHWEH your Elohim is mighty in your midst; He will save (Y'shua*), He will rejoice over you with joy; He is silent in His love. He rejoices over you with a joyful shout.

I read it again,

Zephaniah 3:17 YAHWEH your Elohim is mighty in your midst; He will save, He will rejoice over you with joy; He is silent in His love. He rejoices over you with a joyful shout.

This is how Yahweh thinks about you. He's silent in His love and He loves you so much. And when you're down, if you're depressed, whatever you are coming from, whatever state you're in, Yahweh loves you and He will get you out. And one of the biggest things that I noticed in my life, when you're in any state that you don't want to be in, and you want to come into Yahweh's presence because you know you need to be changed right now-thankfulness. Thankfulness is the thing that opens the door to your heart.

There's a story in 2nd Chronicles 22. No, 20, verse 20, chapter 20. And we have all the people that Yahweh didn't allow the Israel to touch when they went through their properties that was Edom, Ammon and Moab. And they all went against Israel. Israel humbled himself. And then the King Yehoshaphat, he said, he humbled himself. He put his nose down to the earth and he asked Yahweh for help.

And Yahweh said, "You shall not fight." It's in verse ... If anyone sees it, can just you tell me? It says, 'Station yourself'... Seventeen.

2 Chronicles 20:17-18 You shall not fight in this: station yourselves; stand and see the Y'shua* of YAHWEH with you, O Judah and Jerusalem; do not be terrified nor fear; tomorrow you go out before them, and YAHWEH shall be with you. And Yehoshaphat bowed his nose to the earth, and all Judah and the ones living in Jerusalem fell down before YAHWEH, to bow themselves to YAHWEH.

Comment: And then He did something. He told the people, "Okay, you start praising." He told the Levites, "Okay, you start singing. You thank Yahweh." And verse 21,

2 Chronicles 20:21-23 And he consulted with the people, and appointed singers to YAHWEH, and those giving praise to the glory of holiness, when going out before those armed, and said, Giving thanks to YAHWEH, for His mercy endures forever. **And at the time they began with rejoicing and praise**, YAHWEH set ambushes against the sons of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, and had come against, that had come against Judah; and they were beaten. And the sons of Moab stood up and, Ammon stood up, and Moab, against the people of Mount Seir, to devote and destroy; and when they finished with the ones living in Seir, they helped, each man against his neighbor, to destroy.

So, the thing Yahweh became active when they opened their heart when they started trusting in Him and said, "Yahweh, I thank you, Yahweh, I praise you." In that moment Yahweh changed everything, an army that they could not beat.

Often, we, in this world, we hang on things. We don't want to let go. We have those things in Laodicea, all this facade that looks so beautiful. I want to tell you three chapters further, I think it's King Amaziah, he took 100,000 of the Ephraimites because he wanted to fight against a huge army. And then came a prophet and told him, "You cannot go with them because Yahweh is not with them. But if you go, then make yourself strong because Yahweh will not help." Yahweh is the power to save and Yahweh is the power to destroy.

And he asked, "What shall I do with the 100 talents of silver that I paid to them?" Like he invested a lot of stuff into something that he found out Yahweh doesn't want. I love this answer and if you hang on something, and if I hang on something, let us remember this answer that he got from the prophet that Yahweh told him, "Yahweh has more than this to give to you."

Look Yahweh has something huge behind His back and He just wants us to give up this little thing, and He will give us everything. Yahshua said, "Yahweh will, do not be afraid little flock. Yahweh was pleased to give you the kingdom." And Yahweh's love, as I said, million billion trillion times more than the most beautiful mother that would give her life for children. Multiply this by a million billion trillion times and then you have the glimpse, maybe it's infinite, the number means nothing, then you have the glimpse of how much Yahweh loves you.

Yahweh told us to sell everything to buy this one pearl of the kingdom, which is worth everything. And Yahweh would do never anything that He wouldn't do. And you know, He did that. He gave up the most precious thing because He loves you **so much**. He gave up the most precious thing. Even His own life wouldn't mean more for a Father, the Son, giving up the Son. It's the greatest love He could have for anybody. So, this most precious pearl for Yahweh, this is you. This is you.

So, to Yahweh who is able to do above, exceedingly above everything that we ask and think, to Him be all the glory in His congregation. May we seek Him, may we love Him because when we love Him, this is what everything does. That's the first commandment, love Yahweh, and keep His commandments. You cannot keep His commandments, it doesn't mean anything if you keep His commandments, but the love is not there. He might reward you and maybe it's a love of nature that it will be good with you, but He wants you to love you. He wants you, like if you're a parent and your child comes running out to you and wants to hug you when you come from work. This is how Yahweh longs that we come to Him in the morning and the evening and the night. Like David says, he wakes up and meditates and praises Yahweh in the night. He longs for this love to be burning from us.

But again, you don't have it in you except when He puts it in there. So, be honest and ask Him, "Yahweh fill me with His love." Praise Yahweh.