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5 STEPS TO PROVOKE JEWS TO JEALOUSY

As I promised in our last GOZ newsletter in this issue are five steps that I believe if followed has the potential to cause Jewish people to truly become so jealous of the salvation you have in the Messiah that they will want it for themselves. I am not claiming all Jewish people will favorably respond. However I have heard enough testimonies to confidently verify that these steps work.

Last summer in July a group of approximately 100 young Norwegian believers in Yeshua traveled to

Israel. I taught them how to utilize these five steps when I was with them before they departed. These precious youth gave me wonderful testimonies about what happened as they shared this message with Israelis.

Those of us who proclaim the message of salvation to Jewish people often experience very negative reactions. There is a built in adversarial response to the gospel in the consciousness of most Jewish people. It is understandable. These five steps seem to

The Norwegian Youth group praying for me



have a disarming effect. Instead of encountering anger, and an adversarial spirit these Norwegian youth watched tears well up in the eyes of one Israeli after another. How encouraging!

HEART CONDITION

The prerequisite essential to utilize these five steps is a broken heart over the spiritual condition of Jewish people today. I believe it is safe to say that over 99% of Jewish people do not know the salvation of God through the death and resurrection of their own Messiah. The key is: Yeshua is *their* Messiah. The apostle Paul was so broken over his own people's spiritual condition that he had great sorrow and continual grief in his heart. (Romans 9:2) His startling words were that if possible he would be willing to lose his own salvation if it would result in the salvation of Israel. (Romans 9:3) If Christians today would only grasp this tragic reality: the very people who gave them and the entire world salvation no longer possess it themselves.

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WE WORSHIP WHAT WE KNOW,
FOR SALVATION IS FROM THE JEWS.**

Knowing the present spiritual condition of the Jewish people should deeply touch the hearts and bring tears to eyes of those who know the Lord. When we realize that our salvation comes through the Jewish people, our hearts toward Israel is forever changed. Gentile believers in Yeshua who have this revelation will approach Jewish people with humility and a thankful heart recognizing that Israel remains God's chosen nation to bless all the families of the earth. (Gen 12:3). When this heart attitude prevails the following five steps have the potential to deeply touch the hearts of Jewish people. I am confident Jewish people have never heard such words com-

ing from Christians. These five steps are not formulas but rather guidelines on how Christians can express their faith in a way that will open the hearts of Jewish people. They will see that faith in Yeshua is not a faith that is foreign but one that came through them and still belongs to them. The five steps for Gentile believers and Jewish believers in Messiah only slightly differ. I will outline the five steps for Jewish believers in Yeshua in our next newsletter. Each of the steps in this newsletter is abbreviated because of space constraints. We have an unabridged easy to read, wire bound printed booklet with an accompanying CD available for a donation of \$20 or more to the Gates of Zion. Go to www.gatesofzion.net or e-mail us at jeff@gatesofzion.net to obtain a copy.

TO BEGIN

The respectful and proper way to begin spiritual communication with a Jewish person is to first ask if it would be OK for you to share your heart with him. If he agrees (which most Jewish people will) then look at him/her in the eyes (if possible with tears in yours) and make the following words your own:

STEP ONE

There is one thing in my life that is so precious that I would rather die than lose it. I want you to know this most precious thing *belongs to you!* I love, worship and serve *your* God, the God of Israel. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob — HaShem — Adonai.

It is *your God* who has given me a reason to wake up every morning. Through Him I have found real purpose in life. Before I came to know *your God* my life was meaningless. Now I am fulfilled as never before. I feel like I am alive for the first time. I have truly been born all over again. It is fantastic!

STEP TWO

I want you to know that the book I live by, that instructs me and gives me words of hope and encouragement is *your book*. The bible was written by *your people* and was preserved by them at the cost of their own blood. I cannot express my gratitude and thankfulness with adequate words. I want to thank you as a representative of the Jewish people, the people of Israel, from the depth of my heart for this inexpressible gift. If it wasn't for *your people* I would be lost and without any direction in this world.

STEP THREE

I want you to know that all the promises that give me hope, life and joy *belong to you*. I have received one blessing after another through the promises of *your God*. These precious promises were made to the *children of Israel* but now they also belong to me because I am an adopted son/daughter!

STEP FOUR

My ancestors were once pagans. However I am now a member of the household of faith. I was once an outsider, a Gentile, a foreigner. I was far from the one true God but I have been brought near and have become part of *your people* — part of the *commonwealth of Israel*. I have entered the covenant God made with Israel. I have become *one of you*, a spiritual son of Abraham!

STEP FIVE

I am richer than any billionaire! No money can buy what I have. This inexpressible gift I have received is none other than the *inheritance of Israel*. It belongs to you. *It is your inheritance!*

A GUARANTEE

I guarantee you. Jewish people have never heard such words. I encourage you to begin utilizing these five steps whenever the opportunity arises. I would very much appreciate and be overjoyed if you would share any testimonies of what happens as you share these five steps with your Jewish friends and neighbors. It is my prayer that they will see that there is a treasure within you that truly belongs to them, and that they will want it for themselves.

THE FAMILY

It has been five years since we returned to the USA after almost a decade of service in the former Soviet Union. It is amazing but it feels like we have just only now adjusted to life in the USA. After spending so many years in those faraway lands I don't think we will ever be the same again. Our children Yaron, Eliya and Ariana grew up in Russia and Kazakhstan. It is difficult to discern how growing up overseas has affected them. Yaron, 17, and Eliya, 14, are now full fledged normal American teenagers and Ariana is closing in on them as she approaches 12. As hard as it is to believe, teens today encounter temptations and influences that are way beyond what we baby boomers encountered during the turbulent times we grew up. The freedom, temptations and rapid pace of life in Manhattan made it extremely challenging to raise our children. For their sake we moved to a more laid back, tranquil setting in nearby Pennsylvania. This move also enabled us to be close to one of the largest Messianic Jewish communities in the country where there are many other Messianic Jewish teenagers. The community has been a great support for our family. It is also quite easy for us to get to Manhattan. Janet is doing great and like myself continues to work in New York City but is

relieved to now live in a more quiet and sane environment. Janet and I would so appreciate your prayers, especially for our children, that they would each have their own personal encounter with the Lord Yeshua and surrender their lives to him. Please also pray that we would be parents after God's own heart.



In conclusion: We want to thank all of you who have stayed with us throughout the years, blessing us with your prayers and faithful support. Please feel free to contact us via e-mail if you have any prayer requests. We feel it is a privilege, honor and responsibility to support and stand with our partners just as you have been such a great support for us.

Please remember the Gates of Zion in your year end giving. All gifts received before the New Year is tax deductible for 2008. We have all been hit hard during this economic meltdown. However God and His Kingdom have withstood the test of time through countless economic downturns and

collapses throughout history. We are invited to stand on the rock in the midst of this storm. I encourage you to do so.

Many blessings upon you and your loved ones. Have a joyful holiday season whether you celebrate Christmas, Chanukah or both! A healthy and happy New Year to all!

For the salvation of Israel and the Nations,

Jeff & Janet

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A LIGHT TO BRING REVELATION TO THE GENTILES,
AND THE GLORY OF YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL. (LUKE 2:32)**

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