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Foundation of Authority 1

(Letter from Chanowk)

Dear Ephraim and Berachah,

Greetings in the name of our Master Yahshua. I am thankful to be connected to the only, One living God, through our Master, our Redeemer.

I always want to be in a place where I can hear our Master speak to me. I want to hear His words and I want to change and make them my own words.

I certainly heard something concerning the "Authority thing" that we had talked about here in Sus. Yoneq said that our Father loves authority, and He will support and lead our authority always. So, if we want to be on the side of God we need to side with authority. That is what our Father wants us to do. Besides that, He wants us to forbear, sympathize with, and love one another. And if we notice our brother's shortcomings, we would pray for one another and in this way participate in the up building of Messiah's Body here on earth. This is what our Father desires from us. He wants us to judge ourselves and not others.

The foundation you talked about in your letter (being the first to repent, hearing from the least, etc.) is a standard that we should judge ourselves by first. Authority should not be judged but supported, that is the good foundation. We have to be perfect like Messiah. There is nothing a brother or sister can do to us that could hinder us to lose fellowship with our Father. It is always us losing fellowship by falling into judging our brother's actions instead of praying for him. We are learning here that the foundation of the Edah concerning authority is **to support it and pray for it**. Our Father will do the rest.

Yoneq said that only a carnal and wicked person criticizes his elders without going down on our knees and praying for them first. He must be carnal because he is not lead by the Spirit. The Spirit would lead him to support authority.

Our Father was very clear about this. Authority has to be **supported** and not criticized. We have to support the Holy Spirit by praying for one another. Yoneq did not think that the whole foundation was off. He did not think that there was anybody here who could have judged this. If I said the whole foundation was "off" then I think I was certainly wrong about that. What was said in this meeting that we had with Adam and Yadonah was just something that those who are in authority can judge themselves by, but I should never have judged anybody else by it. I see that the way authority was expressed here in Reuben caused me to separate myself from it, desiring it to be different. But the one who separates himself seeks his own desires.

It was our Father's desire for me to support authority and pray for them and this way support the work of the Holy Spirit. But instead, I took it upon myself to do the work for the Holy Spirit because I wanted it to be different. I can see I lacked in really understanding our Father's heart about this. I lacked in love.

I am thankful for the instruction that will lead me to love from a pure heart and a good conscience. I am very sorry if I caused you all to stumble in any way.

Your friend in Messiah, Chanowk

See also a letter from Shua about the same subject of authority.