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Growing Up into the Head

(with the story of David & Goliath, Part 1)

Rose — Our Father made it so that everything is reproduced by a seed — everything that the flower becomes is in the seed. The seed grows when we pass on life to one another.

Ben Chesed — Our Master blazed a trail when He was on earth, and we are doing the same thing. We were taken out of the kingdom of oppression and brought into the kingdom of light — the only things that oppress us here in the Body are what we allow in. Our Father has given us the tools to overcome everything we need to overcome and make it in this life.

Racham — This morning we heard about the kingdom of God. Mark wrote about a tree in Mk 4:30-33 — it's not just a normal tree, but the tree that Ezekiel 17:23 talks about. In this tree different kinds of birds flock together — it is a metaphor of the different kinds of people there are.

Some of us were hawks, some of us doves, crows, sparrows, eagles — very few of us would have gotten along! It is a different tree (an unusual tree) where all these different kinds of birds come together and roost (when they normally wouldn't get along). We actually love people — we have love, patience, forbearance — we love people who are far different than us and we are friends. We choose to live with love in our hearts — we choose to ask for the grace to have love and forbearance because we love our God more than our own lives.

If we just lived our own life, all the hawks would get together and all the quiet people, but here we put down our weapons and get along. This is the only place where the prophecy of old (the tree Ezekiel spoke about) can come about.

Deut 30:1-3, 6,7 — It's no small thing; this kingdom of God that we proclaim — it's everything. That's why we surrender our possessions, our family, our everything — to preach the gospel — to see it brought about on the earth. He scattered Israel, but now He is gathering them again. If there's not a people to proclaim the ancient prophecies from this ancient book (the Bible), then the words in them will remain stale in a stale book! They have to be proclaimed to the earth today!

Yoneq — One of the wonderful things our Father showed us this morning was in Mk 4:26-29. Our Master told the parable about the kingdom and He was talking about us — we are a light — those who are alive and remain until He comes (1 Thess 4:16-18).

It's obvious we are that kingdom talked about in Mk 4:26-29 — we all have to mature and grow up into the head. Then when we are full grown (like when the grain ripens and comes

to full maturity), He puts the sickle to it. Be ready, or He will come at a time when you won't be ready! We grow up into the head by speaking to one another. Eph 4:15-16 — all of us must do this in the Body; it causes the growth of the Body. Then the harvest will come. Rev 17:14 — Those who will actually go up to be with our Master — He is talking about the called, chosen and faithful (only the faithful ones will be taken up) — the ones who followed Him all their lives and now are with Him on white horses ready to go to battle to pour out wrath and indignation on the nations.

We're His kingdom now that He is setting up — in the day of the 10 kings the God of heaven is doing a supernatural work. How? We don't know how the crop grows! It needs water to be nourished, but how it grows I don't know (He causes it to grow). When we are all grown up into full maturity, we'll be harvested. I can see that we are His kingdom — there is no doubt about it. We are the kingdom He talked about in the book of Daniel — consisting of 12 tribes.

Qinah — Jn 4:23-24 — Our life grows by us seeing our Master's worth and cultivating the revelation of it in each other — by speaking to one another in love. We don't understand how it grows — just like we can't understand how a child grows, or a plant grows. But if we keep the soil nice and we feed the plant water and give it sun then it will grow, and it's the same way with us. We pour out our hearts to one another and if we feed one another we'll grow up into the head. If I didn't share what's in my heart I'd go down to silence! I want to be one who shares and feeds my brothers.

Yoneq — You have to water the bamboo shoot from a giant bamboo tree for 4 years and you see nothing! Then it begins to grow and you can see it growing rapidly (it grows 90' in 30 days!) — 3 feet a day! You can actually see it growing.

Racham — A mustard seed is very small, but when it's grown many birds can find shelter in it's leaves. Sometimes we think, "The revelation I have is so small — why should I share it?" But when we share it, it grows — if we plant our tiny seed in each other it sprouts faith and there's no telling what it will produce. One thing is for sure — if we're not building up, we're tearing down. Our life is serious — if we're not serious about what we are doing, then let's go back to what we were doing before we came here! I'm thankful for the good news we hear every day — it's serious and it's wonderful.

Yacob — We hear things every day — if we don't pass it on it will be taken away from us. If something is being given to us by our Father it's because He wants us to pass it on.

ha-Emeq — It's so wonderful we can have faith that grows! And how it grows, we do not know. If we share then it is added to and if not it is taken away from us. It's so wonderful to think how our Father would entrust us with something important and then we sit there and think about it, about ourselves, if it is the right time to share, if it's big enough to share — and then it goes away because it gets lost in the world of reasoning and He takes it away! And then He chooses not to speak to us the next time because He knows we won't share!

Think about a tiny seed. Most of us never planted a seed our whole life. When we got the farm in Naphtali we needed seeds and we had no money. So money came in (from the other tribes) and we got seeds. We couldn't see the plants — but could only imagine what they would be like. We all worked together planting them and then everything was **silent** — everything lay there silent — waiting!

Then one day they came out — a massive army of tiny green sprouts! We were so happy they were coming up. As the sprouts got bigger and greener, we sent a letter telling our brothers and sisters, "Thanks so much for the seeds — there is a massive crop of corn, bigger than any other around"! Flowers were growing around where it was bare and dry — our Father was there.

That's how our Father sees us — an army of tiny sprouts — how we grow, "I do not know". But our Father knows. If we're weeded, watered, given sunshine and nourished we'll grow up. The farmer has so much joy when he sees the tiny sprouts coming up!

We are watered by His word — if we don't receive words of life we'll die. We have to be faithful to share what we get so the sprouts don't die. It's so important for everyone to speak what they hear whispered in their ear — I hope we always speak what we hear spoken in our ear. I never want to hear, "The sacrifices are really quiet now that Yoneq's gone!" I *never* want to hear this! I hope we'll always be obedient to share and water each other and not think about ourselves.

Kepha — Matt 7:24 — If we act upon His Word we'll increase and grow up into the head and before we know it we'll be ready for the harvest. His words cause us to have life — if we hear and act on them it's like a house built on a rock — it's solid.

When ha-Emeq was talking it made me appreciate His Word. When we hear the Word it stirs us up — we don't know how, but it grows. It makes me thankful for our Master's words — if we hear and do something about it we'll grow up and be ready for the harvest on that day. If we go through the pain of growing our Master will say, "Come in good and faithful servant"!

I'm so thankful our Master is faithful to give us water — we need to grow up into Him.

Yadutan — He saved us to praise Him. Our life is not like Christianity, where we go to hear the pastor — but we are a kingdom of priests, a holy nation. He is making us a true kingdom of priests.

Yael Haggai — If we value His words we will speak them to one another. Isa 50:4 — He has given us the tongue of disciples. It encourages me to be in a place we can hear His words and pass them on. We have the throne of grace to go to and ask for His strength to overcome.

Yoneq — Yael read Isa 50 that talks about having the tongue and ear of a disciple — to know what to say and how to say it — our Master was like this (He knew what to say and how to say it). It says, "*He awakens my ear to listen as a disciple*" — whenever a person doesn't hear; he's rebellious. Faith to do His will comes by hearing. If a person is not willing, he's rebellious (it's like the first great rebellion of Lucifer) and they are going to the Lake of Fire.

Elohim has opened our ears and we are not rebellious. And we do what we see our Master doing. It's like a seed that's planted — it grows up into every aspect to be like it is (corn can't be anything else but corn). If the seed planted into us is Yahshua, we grow up into every aspect of Him. If I don't hear you speaking, I'm rebellious. If anything distracts you, your father is Satan. Because I am a disciple I know whose son I am. If you don't listen what will you be like when you grow up? You have to know who's seed you are. We're of a new stock. The evil one will be in human form some day and he'll think he has the whole world, but we're of a new stock that's going to grow up.

Lo-Nekar — Unless that seed falls into the ground and dies it cannot grow up and it remains alone. When it dies it rots and then shoots up. We have to die (making a sacrifice is dying). I'm thankful our Father is showing us what it means to die.

If you give up something that's of value to you for something of less value, then you're foolish.

Yoneq — We had to see that Yahshua is of greater value — more valuable than our own life. He is greater, but He saw us as greater than Him — so He sacrificed Himself for us! We need to see this too or we are rebellious.

Let's give our sacrifice — what we have to offer Him is our bodies to use.

(We had our sacrifice and lifted up the victory cup.)

Racham — When we went to Woodstock we saw many lost people. If we don't water our brothers and sisters with the water of the Word every day then there's no use praying for the Freepapers.

Yoneq — We have to see how much our Father loves us — and sometimes we don't even love what He loves. We need to see the value of the Edah — of each individual person. We are not disciples unless we do this. It's impossible to do it on our own, but only by His grace and the love He puts into our hearts. He'll give you more if you give what you've got. If we don't give, even what we have will be taken away.

Cheryl — We have to water each other. Our Father gives us everything we need (soil, water, etc.), but we have to water each other. He's given us everything we need, it's all up to us now — there's nothing more He can do.

When we work together all day long — we can share. We need to encourage one another.

(ha-Emeq told the story of David — Part 1)

In this story you're going to learn something, and it will help you if you really learn it. It is a lesson about a little boy growing up in Israel (in Bethlehem). He came from a big family (they were not a rich family) and he was the youngest. In a family of a lot of brothers and sisters it's hard being the youngest, but he looked to his older brothers and followed their example.

When he was still young his father said, "David, take care of my sheep" — he had a small flock of sheep and it didn't seem like such a big job for David but he did it with all his heart. Sometimes it was hard because he had to take care of the sick sheep.

*One day his father said, "David, maybe you should stay on the hill all night! And you be faithful to watch over the sheep and see that no animal harms them." David wasn't sure about this — "Abba, I'm **scared!**" His Abba looked down at him, "Don't be afraid my son. God is going to protect you." So David had peace because he trusted God to take care of him.*

So he got his bag together and he took off up the hill with the sheep and he got the sheep around him up there and he started playing music. You could hear the sweet sounds for a long ways, and he sat up there and played and remembered what his Abba had said, "Don't be afraid. YHWH will protect you." So he played and then when night came he slept and he woke up and everything was fine!

*One day his Abba said, "Go over there and stay all night by the forest. Some people say there's **bears** there, but don't be afraid!" So David took the sheep and went over by the forest and he sat down and played music just like he had up on the hill. And while he was playing he heard a noise at the edge of the forest near the flock. And sure enough, a **bear** came out of the forest and **GRABBED** one of the sheep! David took off running after the bear and pulled the sheep out of its hands and wrestled with the bear until it let go of the sheep and then the bear lay **dead!** David was surprised — "**Look what I did!** I am only a little boy!" David thanked our Father all night. "Abba, I killed a bear with my bare hands!" He knew God had helped him.*

*David was faithful every day in all that his father said to him. One day his Abba said, "I want you to take the sheep way over to the other side of the hill. Some people say there are **lions** there, but don't be afraid, for YHWH will protect you. So David took the sheep over there and as he sat and played on the harp, sure enough, he heard the sounds of a **hungry lion**, and he came out of the woods and **GRABBED** one of the sheep! David clutched the lion by the beard and yanked until he let go of the sheep and it ran from the lion and the lion was **dead!** The lion was killed by David's hand. "**WOW, I killed a lion!** He thanked his Father for helping him — now he had killed both a lion and a bear! He started singing and people heard him — he ran home shouting, "ABBA, ABBA, I KILLED A LION!"*

Down in the valley a prophet of Israel (Shemuel) had come to town and all the elders were nervous because they didn't know what he would say to them. Shemuel said, "I come in peace. Make a sacrifice here tonight, and I especially want Jesse and his sons to come." (He told the elders to call a meeting together at the sacrifice and to make sure that Jesse and his sons were there.)

So the elders sent word to Jesse — "Jesse, Shemuel the prophet wants you to come to the sacrifice and a meeting tonight and bring your sons." So Jesse told his sons, but he didn't get David because he was only a boy and he wasn't on one of the big crews. "I'll just leave him to watch the sheep," Jesse thought.

So Jesse and his seven sons (who were big and strong) went to the sacrifice, (but David

wasn't there — he was left behind to watch the sheep). Shemuel looked around the room and said, "Is Jesse here — and his sons too?" "Yes, we're here," said Jesse. Shemuel had the horn in his hand — he was going to choose a king. Jesse didn't understand what was going on — Shaul was already the king.

Jesse's 1st born son, Eli, was big and tall and when he stood before Shemuel he thought, "This is the one to choose — he is big and tough — he seems like the one." But a voice in his head said, "NO, not him (It was a message from our Father). "Don't look at how tall a man is — YHWH doesn't look at a man like that; but He looks at the heart." So Shemuel said to Eli, "You can sit down."

Jesse's 2nd son was big too. Was this the one? The message came to Shemuel, "NO." "Okay, you can sit down." The next son, Shama, Jesse's 3rd son came up next and the same message came, "NO, don't choose this one." It was the same for son #4, 5, 6, 7, — the message said, "NO, not this one."

Shemuel said, "Jesse, don't you have any other sons? Are these all you have? YHWH didn't choose any of them. And Jesse said, I have one other, but he is just a boy — he is home taking care of the sheep. He's not strong, but he is faithful." Shemuel said, "Get him for me."

So Jesse sent one of his sons to get David and he came running, "Yes, Abba, do you need me?" When he walked in Shemuel's heart started pounding fast — he knew him! This was David, the shepherd boy. His brother called out, "This is the shepherd boy who killed a lion and a bear — he's so proud!" But David was not proud. It was just that he had confidence in YHWH. "What do you need, Abba? Do you need me to pick up the trash?"

Shemuel said, "YHWH said to anoint him." So he picked up the horn of oil and poured it on David! When someone was anointed it meant only one thing — Shemuel said, "this boy will be king of Israel, someday." The spirit of YHWH took hold of David and from that day on He was upon David. And David kept on being just as faithful at whatever he did as he had always been. If he hadn't have been faithful, his Father wouldn't have given him anything else to do.

And next week, we will talk about a **big** thing our Father gave him to do!

Qinah — David respected authority, and he didn't rely on his own strength. He saw the greater king and submitted to His authority.

Hobab — Jesse poured his life into his son, David. And because of that, David had a heart to give himself to his God.

Ben Chesed — David's father gave him a command, and he was obedient to him — he obeyed — he wasn't rebellious. He had ups and downs in his life, but he was a good example because he was obedient in his early life.

Yoneq — He came when his father sent for him to wash dishes and pick up trash, but when he got there he became king.

Yadutan — Our Father looked at us and knew He could trust us — so He poured His anointing oil on us.

Ma'amina — What spoke to me is how easily we discourage one another with what we say. When David's brother scorned him he didn't get discouraged.

Yonadab — On the exterior, David was the least of his brothers in strength, but years later he remembered and when he chose his army he chose the least. David chose trustworthy men, and likewise our Father has done the same with us.

Phinehas — David overcame his enemies, and I want to be like that. When the enemies come I don't want to take for granted that I had victory, but I want to give our Father the glory for helping me.

Breaking of Bread

Abigail — I am thankful for what I heard today. When Yoneq asked, "What keeps you from sharing?" — the first thought I had was "self-regard". I think more highly than the God of heaven.

He has given us something to say, but we can't get it out because we're thinking of ourselves. I want to be faithful to always take what I hear and pass it on.

Racham — You can tell an adult or child who's respectful — respect flows out of them. This morning we heard about the kingdom — that there's enough love, patience and forbearance for brothers and sisters to live here and experience healing in their lives. As time goes on every hindrance will be removed to us living this way — until one day we'll be so righteous He'll give us new bodies with no blood — the Holy Spirit will be pumping through us and we will be filled with Him. We have to live that way now — be filled with His life. Jn 6:50-51 — What if our bread was that way — it had something in it that when we eat it we'd never die? This room would be full of people — the loaf would be like gold to them! He wasn't talking about physical bread, but the life of Messiah that's eternal — that we have to partake of and be satisfied.

This week we are going to be satisfied by our Master — His body is sufficient for His disciples — it is more than sufficient (it's overflowing). And

when something else touches our palette, we'll quickly turn away from it! When a man eats this bread he will never die!

Yoneq — 17 years ago my wife and I went to visit a little group of wayward sheep (in Wildwood) and we gathered around and sang with them. Kepha and Sarah (Masse) are here and I want us to sing that song in remembrance of that time. If they hadn't received us I don't know what would have happened! Then Kepha and Sarah were in Island Pond and they gave up their house and then the Barton group came later.

Just think — our Master said in some verse that if we give up all for Him then He gives us 100 times more. 100 houses will come into Judah because of the house that Kepha and Sarah gave up — we know this will come about because it is a promise — and we look forward to that promise coming true! If our Father doesn't give us houses, then we can't buy them — we're not going to take out mortgages. It's good to remind our Father of His promise to us.

It's wonderful to have Kepha and Sarah and their families breaking bread here.

It's amazing what we have — the bread of life — we will never die! What if people knew they could eat of this bread and never die? They'd flock here and stand in line to eat it! It makes you want to proclaim the Good News, doesn't it? If we really believed it we'd do more wouldn't we?

So because of Kepha and Sarah and the rest of that group of people, we're due 600 houses in Judah — I guess when we keep our houses clean and have sextons; we'll be worthy of those 600 houses. Our Father doesn't want them to look like a ghetto — that wouldn't bring much honor to Him, would it?

ha-Emeq — It's so amazing the foundation that's here. I looked at Kepha and Sarah and their children and the children of Raphael and Mary Martha and Roi and Rachel and I thought that it's amazing who they are. That little group of people we met seemed so insignificant that day — they were older and kind of straight (it was different for me)! Yoneq and I didn't know what was going to happen and then Raphael said, "This man is from Chattanooga — I think our Father sent him and we need to listen to him!" Then it got quiet and Yoneq spoke and they received him. It didn't seem so important, but it was because after awhile we had some baptisms! Our Father found that group in Island Pond, and they had so much. Then everything turned around and they found their place on a hill — a beautiful place — "Wildwood". But our Father said to give it up — and it was so

hard — Sarah Masse had her dream house! But they walked away from it because they saw how worthy our Master was.

And so much has come from that little group of insignificant people. Now Nashone's abba is helping build up the tribe of Rueben, and Ethan's abba is the co-ordinator of Manasseh, and Kephir is the co-ordinator of Gad, and Keli is the co-ordinator of Boston (Kepha's sons)!

Yoneq — I want to read something about how worthy our Master is (Isa 50:4-6) — they plucked His beard out and He did not hide His face from shame and people spitting on Him — they threw excretion in His face (it was the greatest insult!) and He didn't hide His face from all that was done to Him! And it wasn't just a little either; it was the most gross spitting and excretion (waste) dumped on Him — if you can just imagine the things He went through for us! Isa 52:13-14 — His appearance was marred and He was beaten more than any man who has ever lived and still held together (Satan's venomous attack on Him)- and He was unrecognizable as a human being. The pictures we have in books of Him on the cross are nothing like the way He really looked — everyone was astonished at how He was disgraced and shamed — He was naked and carried His cross through the streets! His appearance startled and overwhelmed the people.

But it says in Isa 50:7 — that He will not be disgraced (this is the future). Isa 52:15 — the correct version of the Scriptures says, "*He will startle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths . . .*" Isa 53:10 — It pleased YHWH to crush Him — We owe Him all because He went through all that for us — He was marred more than any man — and not just the physical, but His soul. He put Him to grief and made His soul a guilt offering — He went into death and suffered the guilt of our sins (the guilt of the 2nd death had to be taken away). He suffered 1,000 times more in death than He suffered physically before He died! And He shall see His seed (the result of the suffering of His soul — those who see Him as worthy to give up their little house, their families, their everything) and be satisfied.

And now, after 1900 years — here we are — this is 1994! That special bamboo tree is being watered and the day will come when the race will begin and we will see it grow 3 feet a

day for 50 years. We can hardly see the increase now, but the day will come when we see it grow into a mighty nation! Then kings will shut their mouths, and He will see and be satisfied.

Isa 53:7 — He was oppressed and afflicted yet He did not open His mouth — He was silent. He was cut off from the land of the living — He made His grave with the *wicked!* And it pleased YHWH to crush Him.

We know who His seed is — He will see the labor of the suffering of His soul and be satisfied (Isa 53:11) — and He will justify many. Who has YHWH revealed Himself to? His offspring. Now we are like a root out of dry ground (we hardly see our progress), but we have to see ourselves the way our Master sees us.

In 1978 I had a dream about a little baby deer in a plastic big. The bag was tied at one end and there was food in there for the little doe, but it wouldn't eat — it was *gasping* for air and it was dying. Every time it sucked for breath the bag closed up, and eventually it starved to death! It was gasping for air and couldn't stop sucking long enough to eat.

We have to see ourselves the way our Master sees us. He spoke to Laodecia that they were neither hot nor cold — and He was outside of their hearts. The churches didn't see their true condition. We know this has been the state of the tribes even now. Manasseh was as good as dead, and even Rueben had a terrible time — Gad was as good as dead (almost passed away). Then I got back to Judah and Yahshua was outside of your hearts — you were living by the flesh, and He had to come back into your hearts. And Naphtali is going through hard times and testing there, too. The Laodecians didn't realize where they were at — they were somehow oblivious to it. So it's a struggling — there has to be life-giving breath for the little gazelle to be nourished and set free.

I got a letter from David Saylor about the sins the elders in Gad repented from — our Master was outside of their hearts knocking for entrance in. We're not just living for ourselves, but for our Master and our children — something greater than ourselves.

Prov 2:1-12 — It's always men who speak perverse things that lead the Body astray. Satan uses men to speak and destroy — Be On Guard! (Vs. 12-13) We ought to have

understanding — it speaks about wisdom and understanding in so many places. How many times does Prov 2 have the word "*understanding*" in it? The Laodecians didn't have it. We have to lift up our hearts and voice and ask for it — then we'll have it. We will all either fall away or prosper if we actually do what it says to do in Prov 2. We have to ask for it more than a greedy person hunts for silver and gold — or at least just as much as they do. We must ask for wisdom and the knowledge of God. That's what a true man is — and we are not a true man unless we're doing this (we're still following a preacher). We can't live here without these necessary things — discernment, discretion, understanding, wisdom — we need them more than a greedy person desires gold. In the olden days they crawled in cracks and crevices in the mountain to look for gold and sometimes the cave would fall in on them.

People who have wisdom are the ones who ask for it (they have understanding and discretion). **Understanding** — knowing what to say and how to say it. **Understanding** is "Biynah". What if we all came to understanding? Some do and some don't (like what we heard this morning). **Biynah** is "*to understand, discern, perceive, grasp, consider, be perceptive and have insight*" (Biynah — Strong's 995) This is everything that Prov 2 talks about — all human beings are supposed to have it, but we are fallen. When we are restored, we become true men. **Biynah** — that's what we want! Wisdom is like a she (feminine) to us.

Andrew Lamb — Having understanding is being able to see the way our Father sees.

Yoneq — Understand this: one of the hardest things you'll ever have to do is consistently cry out for her. We are opposed so you have to cry out and seek Biynah like silver (lift up your voice). How many times have you ever done this? See — that's why we are the way we are!

Rose — Prov 4:7 — Seek understanding, even though it cost you all you have.
Prov 3:13-15 — Wisdom is the greatest thing.

Yoneq — Why did the 1st Church fall? Prov 3:15 — All the things you desire can't compare with her. Vs. 16-18 — Happy are all those who retain her (that's the man who comes to understanding) — hold fast to her. The first Church gained her, but they didn't hold fast to her. Heb 3:6 — You are that house if you hold fast to her. Just think, "*By understanding He*

established the heavens . . ." So you can see what understanding is. It can be had by each and every one of us — we won't grow up without it. We have to sacrifice something in order to get something better.

Racham — One of the first things Yoneq said when Derush fell away was, "I was always telling Derush to go take a walk and cry out, but he would never do it!" When we take a walk, we can see how we are and what condition we are in. If we don't individually seek Him and cry out for His wisdom, then collectively we'll end up in the same place we were in and there may not be any recovery for us.

You can see the difference in our youth — between the ones who lived in the world and were saved, and the ones who didn't — but there shouldn't be any difference. One should be thankful to be saved from the world, and the other thankful to be saved from what they've been in the world.

If we don't cry out for wisdom and understanding, then we won't have it, and we'll continue to speak as if we do, or without it! I want to get to know wisdom better — she seems desirable to me.

Ben-Chesed — I appreciate the men of old and how righteous they were to cry out. It's a way to cry out to our Father to set us free. Maybe we need prayer closets again in our houses.

When you see division in the Churches — people talking about each other behind their backs and households not taking care of each other, but watching out for themselves — then the Holy Spirit won't stay around long for that! In Boston, each house and crew has been fending for themselves. We have to be our brother's keeper and stop it. We're a family here; we have to be together and not hold back. If we won't do it now with the little we have, we won't do it later on — that link in the chain will be missing. Cowards won't enter the kingdom. We have to be our brother's keeper — you might save someone's life.

Yoneq — Let's lift up the cup of forgiveness — this is the time that we call on His name to be saved (the same as we did at baptism), week after week, just like we are being baptized. Whoever does this will be saved and ever be disappointed — because He called us to salvation and He will never disappoint us. So we call on His name saying, "I love you, Yahshua, because I cried out to You and You heard my voice." Maybe we didn't have the opportunity to cry out as loud as we wanted to when we were baptized, but now we have the opportunity every week. No one can do it except by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ps 116 — Let's read it. We called upon Him once and we'll call upon Him as long as we live, just like we first did! What will we do? (vs. 13) We offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving in the

presence of His people (in His house — in the midst of His people — vs. 18). This is what we will do for the rest of our life. We need to read and re-read this Psalm. This is our Father's will for us to do this. An intimidating spirit comes to us to make us afraid and keeps us from doing it. We are going to do it because we love Him and He hears our voice! Vs 14 — "*In the presence of all His people*" — in front of the whole assembly — how else are we going to do it? Here's our opportunity to lift up our voice for understanding — here we are, continually asking Him for wisdom, knowledge, understanding — all the things we are told to cry out for. When we call out for all these things we are calling for Yahshua, Himself — He is wisdom. We can't be His people or live together without these things.

(We lifted up the cup)

Chayah (wife of Nachon) — I'm so thankful we can give Him what He de-serves — and pay back our Master for what He did for us (how He had His beard pulled out for us!). We have to die to ourselves every morning and evening to worship Him.

Shimone — I'm thankful the seed of Yahshua has been planted in us, and we become everything in that seed. It's like the bamboo shoot — if we didn't know it took so long for it to start springing up we wouldn't water it. We need to know why we do things.

I'm thankful we're in a place where we can have understanding and wisdom. I'm thankful I'm in a place where I can hear the words of life that save me from death.

Kepha — 2 Tim 2:11 — If we die with Him, we'll live with Him — this is a trustworthy statement. I'm thankful for these words — how our Father continues to speak to us.

Yael — The things we suffer are nothing compared to what He suffered. If we could think about this when suffering comes, we would be living for Yahshua. It's worth giving everything up for Him. I don't do it all the time, but I want to live for Him and not for myself.

Yoneq — She has the ear of a disciple.

Yohannan — It's so wonderful to be able to cry out to our Master the way we did tonight. I don't ever want to stop doing this.

Yoneq — Before we take the cup (the blood of our Master) we have to cry out. If there is any doubt in us we clear it up and cry out for forgiveness — this cleanses us before we drink the cup of forgiveness. We cry out for wisdom in front of everyone — Read Ps 116 sometime.

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