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Policy

Dear Reya,

I write you in our Master YAHSHUA's name. Thank you for your letter expressing your thoughts about waiting periods — for our youths especially.

First of all, I'm glad you submitted this to me for the sake of order in the twelve tribes, for no one person is able to set policy without exceptions, lest we crowd out the Holy Spirit from our midst. Nor can anyone of us do what is right in our own eyes, since we have a Sovereign King and we are all under His Anointing. So we submit everything that would set precedent among the twelve tribes.

If policy is set concerning what you are submitting, we may be digging ourselves a hole to fall into. But I do agree with you as to where the young man or youth is to spend his waiting period, but not without exceptions.

We cannot set policy within the Body of the Spirit because of the way our Master defined the goings and comings of His Spirit in John 3:8. Instead, we must take on His mind about everything in His Body. "We have the mind of Messiah." We are not like the wind, but the Holy Spirit is. We flex only when He blows. The only definite course of action we can take is to receive the Holy Wind. Only by knowing that it is He blowing upon us can we go in the direction He is going in. If we live by Him, we must walk in His direction also. I believe that what you propose is His direction, but you must see that He can change to meet the need of the moment. Setting policy is dangerous, not that you actually set policy, but the Enemy does in the midst of our best intentions (or using them). Policy is a definite course of action applied in every related case. Policy is good for the world even though there are a few who are treated unfairly or are hurt by it. Policy functions well for the good of the many. It is set by principled men who want to do right. Even so, it is not good for all, but for the majority, that is, some are going to be hurt, i.e. capital punishment. But if we are led by the Spirit, we are not under the law of policy, and we take everything into the consideration of Messiah who is in our midst. Mt 18:20

Policy is a definite course of action. It is predetermined and has fixed limits, being bound with precision or mechanical exactness. Our King is represented to us in the Holy Spirit. He is flexible in all cases, even in Numbers 15:30-31 and 32-36, but verse 34 is policy so we can get the clear picture of the motive. So if the motive was as v. 31, then the policy is definite, v.36. Our policy is to give everyone a fair judgment; that is, not to stone them in every case of "picking up sticks," since that would not be fair. Some people might not have come to the full knowledge of the truth yet. Or there may be other extenuating circumstances.

What you propose is a good guideline and should be considered as such; that is, as a rule, but not policy. Thank you for your wisdom in this matter; in most cases we will go by this rule.

2 Thess 3:10 cannot be taken without consideration of his circumstances because it is a rule, and this person must be judged according to his motives.

Having young men go spend time in the clan of his bride to be is a wonderful rule, and as such, it must be applied with all wisdom, for we must judge all things.

I love you and thank you again,

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