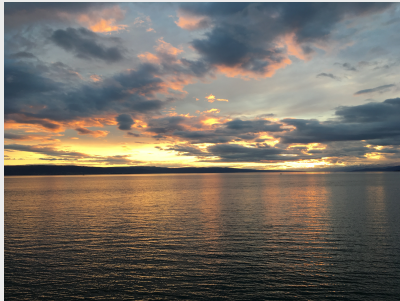


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View from Beit Lechem Farm



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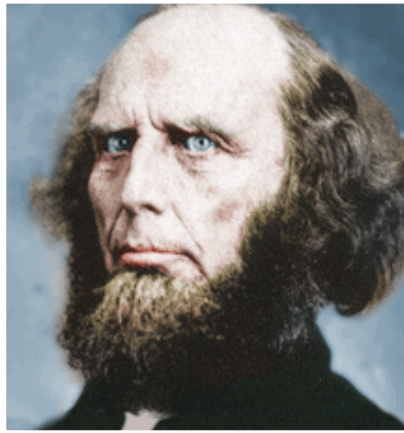
Shalom and greetings to everyone. I recently returned from my yearly trek to Alaska. This year was one of my least favorite seasons. I've never seen so much rain and wind in a fishing season before. Those conditions make miserable long days.

While I was gone there were a lot of trials that our family went through. This past year has marked some of the worst flooding in Costa Rica especially in the area where we live. Beit Lechem farm is around 900 feet in elevation. While the rain runs right off the mountain, it accumulates down in the valley where the Dole banana plantation is located. In the span of a couple of months there were three floods in our area. The last one was the worst in many decades from what the old timers tell me. Roads, bridges, damage to multiple homes, and a good part of the banana plantation was destroyed.

The last flood impacted our family. My oldest son, Jachin, started having some health problems. My wife had to take him to the medical clinic and eventually to the



Quote of the Month



“Prevailing prayer is that which secures an answer. Saying prayers is not offering prevailing prayer. The prevalence of prayer does not depend so much on quantity as on quality.”

— Charles Grandison Finney

hospital in Limon. While at the clinic the doctors administered some pain medication that caused an allergic reaction where he couldn't breathe. Thankfully they placed him on oxygen and eventually got the reaction and his pain under control. Before we begin to move forward with any treatment, we have to find out which medications he is allergic to. While my wife and son were at the hospital in Limon, the last flood happened which took out the main road, a backroad which was the only other alternative, and a big bridge. There was no access for them to get back to the farm for three days. Luckily my oldest daughter, Abigail, was able to take care of Jasper and Kyla while Gaby and Jachin were away.

Once Gaby and Jachin got back to the farm our side by side, which gives us access to get to our farm, decided to break down and the closest authorized atv mechanics are about 5 hours away in San Jose. Right after this happened Gaby got Covid and was in pretty bad shape. Without our horse or the side by side, she had to walk with the kids to school and back up the mountain when they were done with classes. It's not a fun walk up our mountain to say the least. It's a steady incline for 1.2 miles. Gaby is an amazing wife and mother and I am so blessed to have her by my side. Whatever adversity comes her way, she finds a way to do whatever it takes to get the job done. In the end the Almighty is faithful.

The Covid restrictions have lifted a little bit in Costa Rica, but the government is in talks to try and mandate vaccines by not allowing entrance to businesses, banks, supermarkets, and any public entity without the jab. We will see how it goes, but I've lost all faith in the socialist government of Costa Rica. I haven't spoken with the other leaders of the Hebrew Roots Teens With A Mission teen camp that we host in Costa Rica, but it is more than likely that we aren't having the teen camp in 2022 due to Covid.

Very soon the leaders will make a decision, and I'll give you guys an update. One testimony that I can share is that Covid hasn't completely stopped our work with the Indigenous and the cacao endeavor. The other buyers in our area stopped buying cacao from the Indigenous while we never did. By Abba's grace and mercy, we have

continued to make an impact on the lives of others in a positive way. We appreciate each of you. I would like to ask you to please keep us in your prayers and help support our efforts to make a difference in this chaotic world in which we now live. Blessings.

Joel Sanchez Director & Founder of Crucified Life Ministries

Featured Article of the Month

Get comfortable with being uncomfortable. As many of you have seen I've been almost non-existent on social media. There are many reasons that I won't bore you with but honestly there is way too much noise on there and at times it's very hard to stay focused on the signal. When I do venture out into the cess pool of social media platforms I'm kinda somewhat taken back by all the complaining that is coming forth from believers. Seems like everyone nowadays has jumped into the political ring because politics is starting to have an impact on all our lives.

I've lived in a "soft" socialist country, if there is such a thing as "soft socialism", now for almost eighteen years. It hasn't been fun at all, but I have learned a lot through the experiences over the years. My goal isn't to offend or upset my fellow patriots or believers in the good ole USA. My goal is to shake us a little so that we start to prepare. Folks to be blunt, it isn't going to go back to the way it was forty or fifty years ago no matter who wins the next presidential election. Like many of us think, our guns will not save us. Our fiat money isn't going to save us anymore. Running off to the next prophetic conference isn't necessarily the answer. Attending the next big Hebrew Roots conference or seminar isn't necessarily going to bring about what we want. We better know Y'shua and have a firm relationship with Him. That is the best advice I can currently give.

It's time to get comfortable with the uncomfortable. I've been pretty embarrassed and let down by all the moaning and complaining online of some believers and even ministers that I've looked up to over the years. Here is the truth to why there is so much complaining going on. The heart of the matter is our flesh is uncomfortable with all the change that has happened as of late. I'll raise my hand and be the first to admit my flesh too. The happy go lucky days of being free to do our own thing are over. This is really what is bothering folks.

1 Corinthians 6:20 For you were bought at a price: therefore glorify YHVH in your body and in your spirit, which are YHVH's.

When is the last time you heard that Scripture taught at a conference or a fellowship meeting? Possibly a few places, but many teachers and preachers will not touch that specific message because it will not fill the seats. It definitely will it sell the products we offer after our lectures. If I'm wrong I would love to hear from you where and when you've heard a message about paying the price through laying down your life for your brother or sister. When was the last time you heard a message shared about being persecuted for your faith like our brothers and sisters in Vietnam, Laos, and China? Their tongues are cut out for



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preaching the Gospel. Boiling water is forced down their throats because they dared take a stand against a worldly system that has declared itself “the Supreme Almighty”. They are killed arrested and tortured for their faith. I know first hand what they’ve experienced because I’ve met with these people while in Vietnam doing missions work. Again when is the last time we’ve heard a message about losing our life through taking a stand so that we can be and give the same kind of example that Y’shua gave?

I usually have ten or more Americans contact me every year saying something about I’m leaving the USA and am running for cover. Can I come to Costa Rica because I’ve heard it is less oppressive. My response is why are you climbing out of a frying pan to jump into a volcano with molten lava? Folks there is no place to run to. Oppression and corruption are everywhere. It lurks in and around every corner of every country. The time for running is over. The time for taking a stand for our faith IS NOW. If we are running away, in my opinion, this reveals a lot about how committed to the cause of Y’shua we are.

If Y’shua laid down His life and we are admonished to follow Him, doesn’t this mean we must be prepared to do same as Him? If we aren’t willing to give it all for Him, then what are really doing? What game are we really playing? Maybe it’s time to be less interested in going online and griping and complaining because we aren’t able to live in our white picketed fence imagery in the good ole USA anymore. Maybe we should get focused on preparing our families and our congregations on how to take a stand for our faith. We need to hear messages that can apply and are relevant for today. The historical and theological messages are needed. We must find ways to make our messages relevant and applicable to right here and right now. We have to start teaching folks through our actions, how to make a stand and be the light that Y’shua admonished us to be. Is there a cost in this? You bet it is. A hefty one. There was fine print in the covenant contract when we accepted salvation from our sins that many of us didn’t bother to read. To paraphrase it went somewhat like the following, “I gave and laid down My life for you and now in return it is unavoidable for you to do the same for Me.” Blessings and shalom.