

The Great Kahal

**How God's People Survive and Thrive
in times of trouble.**

Today:

- **Objectives and Obstacles facing us in lockdown**
- **A little history about a BIG topic**

2020-2021 – The Lockdown

- BT has a temporary plan to stay at home, or gather in very small groups (as is safe), on Shabbat.
- Questions are....What do we do and how?

Family Gatherings

Objectives and Obstacles

Objectives

- The Nurture of one another
- Personal Growth in understanding and maturity (application)
- Increased Levels of relationship and connection between family members and G-d.

Family Gathering

A simple, doable, effective format for individuals or the family gathering.

- 1- **Pray** the Prayers (Read from the Siddur—**Tim's Plan**)
- 2- **Listen to and Discuss** the Streamed Teaching and-or **Read and Discuss** the Weekly Torah portion together (in advance of or at the meeting).
- 3- **Apply** - Ask, "What will you do with today's teaching?"
- 4- **Accountability** - Ask, "What happened?"

Oneg: A meal may or may not be shared with others. During the meal, ask the question, "Where might Yeshua be today? What would he do today if He were here? Then engage in discussion about the answers each person may have.

Obstacles

- Uncertainty
- Unfamiliarity
- Unique challenges

The Day– What would Yeshua do?

Concern: “I’m not a preacher. I’m not a gifted teacher. I am new. I am a woman. My kids won’t listen to me. I’m single.”

Principles: The Sabbath is a special time in which we are invited, by G-d, to join Him. Ask yourself, where is He on Shabbat and what would He be doing in your shoes?

Stories: He was reading Moses. He was healing sick. He was feeding his friends. He was having special time alone with His Abba. Follow Him. Serving and Training the Kids: Meeting together. Mowing together. Eating together. Resting.

Action: Recognize the purpose: Rearing G-dly offspring IS worship IS ministry. Take advantage of this opportunity to train. Husbands...service IS worship IS ministry!

The House – for those nudged to host a visitor(s)

Concern: “I’m concerned our home is too small, too messy, too far away, not nice enough, etc...”

Principles: Martha-thinking vs Mary-thinking. Water, in Yeshua’s Name, is rewarded. A widow’s penny is praised by Yeshua. The least is G-d’s best platform for demonstration of His greatness. Stil.....”*Yeshua is coming!!! Put out the best plates!*”

Stories: Mud on the floor. Mouse in the house! Garage sale rejects, dogs, cats and cramped spaces.

Action: Clean up for Yeshua--everybody! Share what you have.

The Meal– for those who host a visitor(s)

Concern: “I’m concerned about allergies, preferences. I’m not a good cook. We don’t have nice tableware. We’re on a tight budget.”

Principles: To whom much is given, much is required....every body else do *your* best.

Stories: Grandmother’s cow. The widow’s oil and flour. The bread of the table for David. Loaves and fishes.

Action: Share what you have. Know your ‘why?’ and Watch G-d work!

The Children— What to do with them?

Concern: “Our kids won’t last an hour! Our house is not childproof. My wife will never hear the teaching. We need a break.”

Principles: Parents, *train* your children. Husbands, *consider* your wives. Suffering produces growth. Serve one another. Older women, teach the younger women to be keepers at home...don’t be afraid to ask. Service is worship—include the kids. It’s not about them—don’t make it. Training is at home for the marketplace.

Stories: Kids were around when Yeshua taught adults. 3 days preparing for 1 hour—**Practice ahead.** Recognize limits-Take them out, change focus, be creative. Dad....prepare kid-level thoughts/teaching (Pretend you are “X”. What did he feel, see, think? Where was G-d?What did He feel, see, think?”) Training takes time....allow for it—it won’t last forever....or, if you do a good job, it will!!

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The Adults—What should you do with yourself?

Concern: “I haven’t thought about it much.”

Principles: He is seeking you, meet Him. Practice one of the spiritual disciplines.

Stories: Yeshua went up on the mountain, alone. Kittony and the Leopard.

Action:! Set apart a time for a small group of you run a Night Marathon or a stay at Sergoit. Prepare for your discipleship study or learn a skill. Serve someone who cannot return the favor---only Yeshua.

Our Attitude in Trial and Tribulation

- *Caesarea Philippi-*

- *Known as a center for all things pagan!*
- *Bashan where Kings Og and Shihon and the Rephadim lived.*
- *Dan where King Jeroboam held spiritual gatherings*
- *Caesarea Philippi built as city for Zeus and affiliated with god Pan*
- *Known as gate to the underworld*

Matthew 16:18ff-Yeshua says, ***“You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Kahol and the gates of hades shall not stand against it.”***

PDF Our Approach and Attitude toward Changes to and Challenges for the Kahol/Church.



BT & The Great Kahol of God!

In the face of trial, we rejoice (James)

Before tribulation, we radiate the SON (2 Corinthians)

When flushed by persecuted we scatter and flourish (Acts)

Hardship is our fertilizer. Testing is our benefactor. We are in **growth** mode.

The Enemy is in lockdown!

Let's embrace this time and allow it to produce the harvest of righteousness that's intended. G-d is drawing us nearer, advancing His agenda, moving us toward the greatest Assembly of all time in the City of the Great King.

Lean into it. Learn from it. Let us mature through it!