

Unmovable

Dear Family,

1 Corinthians 12:18 **But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.**

When we consider all that is going on in this world at this time, we can easily see that this is a time of rapid transition. Things seem to be changing continually from what used to be “normal.” One of the most remarkable changes in our life and society is the rapid pace of living. Now, mankind has always been busy. Even in ancient times, men were busy with the business of survival, finding shelter and clothing, building fires for heat and cooking, growing and hunting food, but nowadays it’s not so much about sustaining life. It’s more about chasing after “happiness,” and that has changed our priority rankings from things that are necessary and wholesome to an unending quest to get more and more things that are superficial and, very often, self-destructive. The prophecy, “Men will go to and fro and knowledge will increase” (Daniel 12:4) is certainly an accurate description of this present time. We are seeing events that change our way of living daily, and no sooner is there a new technological advance or change in society, but a newer and “better way” will be introduced that far supersedes the former. All of this change seems to affect the way we think and presses us to accept convenient **man-made solutions**. This is especially true when there is a **“famine in the land”** which might be an apt way of describing **the current economic, social, political and spiritual climate of the whole earth** which is causing people to search for any solution to the lack they feel. Many, even believers, cannot wait for the promises of God to manifest in their lives. **They move from place to place, from job to job, from church to church and even from family to family in search of a “better life,” but, every man-made plan yields the same deficient results.**

As we read through the instructions of the Torah, we can see that, although the pace of change and its demands seem more pressing now, the problems facing men have been the same from the beginning. Abraham faced a famine when he arrived in the land of Israel, and although His direction from the Lord was to go to the land that God showed him, he decided to leave that designated place of God’ had chosen for him and go to Egypt rather than depend on YHWH to supply his needs (Genesis 12). Now notice this, even though Abraham disobeyed and left his appointed place, God is a faithful God, and He brought Abraham back to the land He had promised him by delivering him from the plans the devil had for him and Sarah, **but how much trouble could have been averted if he had obeyed God completely and stayed where God had put him.**

In this week’s reading found in **Genesis 25:19—28:9**, we see the account of Isaac facing a famine just as his father had years before, but **because he heard God’s instruction and obeyed, staying where the Lord had set him, great blessing was poured out upon him.**

Genesis 26:1 **And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.**

Genesis 26:2 **And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt;**

dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:

Genesis 26:3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;

Genesis 26:4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

Now, here is where many miss it. We may know that we have been instructed by God as to where He wants us, and we can apply this to a myriad of situations, but whether it deals with our church where we are called to serve, a physical place to live, a place of employment, relationships we are led into, or any other setting the Lord may bring us into, when challenges arise, we question if there might not be **a better way** than God's way. We may be quickly made to doubt whether we heard from the Lord after all, and **under the pressure of temptation, be it affliction, lack, or persecution**, choose a course of less resistance, **giving in rather than standing upon the Word of God.** Such decisions always end in more trouble and no peace.

But some will say, "It makes no sense to sow my seed in such a barren setting. There's not enough **"moisture"** in this place to allow a seed to sprout." Our human reasoning always ignores the Almighty God, El Shaddai, the more than enough, totally sufficient YHWH. **Every word He speaks and every promise He has given, has the life in it to bring to pass what He has said.** Even when doing what God says makes no sense to the natural mind, when the place where you live is in severe depression, when the job you have seems to have no future, when the relationship God has set you in seems hopeless and unfulfilling, **stand fast in the Word of God. Refuse to listen to the hopeless accusations of the enemy. Choose to remain unmovable. Plant your seed with expectation**, knowing that what God has promised will surely come to pass. **You are like a tree planted by the rivers of water, and you will bring forth your fruit in the appointed time. Trust only in the Lord. Don't trust your own understanding.**

Isaac listened to God. He stayed where he had been set. Moreover, he set about to produce fruit against all natural odds.

Genesis 26:12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.

Genesis 26:13 And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great:

Genesis 26:14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him.

Open your mouth and say this aloud, **"I will trust in the Lord with all my heart. I lean not on my own understanding. In all my ways, I acknowledge the Lord and His Word, and He directs my entire life.**

I choose to abide in Yeshua. His Words abide in me. I ask what I will, and the perfect will of God will be done in me. God has placed me in His body, by the blood of Yeshua. Where God has set me, I will stay. I will not be moved."

Never waver,
Terry