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CHRISTIANITY TAKING OVER PLANET?

What is the fastest-growing religion on Earth? Most news reports suggest it is Islam. A new book, “Megashift” by Jim Rutz coins a new phrase to define this fast-growing segment of the population. He calls them “core apostolics” or “the new saints who are at the heart of the mushrooming kingdom of God.” He says most surveys look at the traditional Protestant denominations and the Roman Catholic Church while ignoring Christian believers who have no part of either. Some call them “The Third Wave.”

He says, “The growing core of Christianity crosses theological lines and includes 707 million born-again people who are increasing by eight per cent a year. So fast is this group growing that, under current trends, the entire world will be composed of such believers by the year 2032. Until 1960, Western evangelicals outnumbered non-Western evangelic by two to one. As of 2000, non-Western evangelicals outnumbered Westerners *by four to one*. By 2010 the ratio will likely be *seven to one*. There are now more missionaries sent from non-Western nations than from Western nations.

“This trend has been missed by Westerners because the explosive growth is *elsewhere*. Hundreds of millions of these Christians are simply not associated with the institutional churches at all. They meet in homes. They meet underground. They meet in caves. They meet in secret.

“It is the supernatural that is driving this movement. There are myriad documented healings and dramatic cases of resurrections—not near-death experiences, but real resurrections of actual corpses!

“When I was a kid in Sunday School, I was really impressed that 3,000 people were saved on the Day of Pentecost. I thought, ‘Wow! That’ll never happen again!’ Yet, it now happens around the globe every 25 minutes. By tomorrow, there will be 175,000 more Christians than there are today.

“Very few people realize the nature of life on Earth is going through a major change. We are seeing a megashift in the basic direction of human history. Until our time, the ancient war between

good and evil was hardly better than a stalemate. Now all has changed. The Creator, whose epic story flows through the pages of Scripture, has begun to dissolve the strongholds of evil. This new drama is being played out every hour around the globe, accompanied sometimes by mind-bending miracles.”

(Reported by WorldNetDaily.com)

(Note from Elaine: I was pondering this article recently when the Lord dropped these words into my heart: “**Israel (i.e. the church) hath returned unto her (inward) idols.**” I was reminded of the calf they made and worshipped in the wilderness. They worshipped a beast, even that self-nature which wants to be like God. Then, I heard, “**The idol worshippers have tired of their (outward) idols and are turning unto the living God!**”)

GOD’S KINGDOM COMING Bill

One need not use fear tactics to catch the attention of the people. Though there may be some veracity to these hair-raising tales, yet God has another plan for you and I, because the judgments are for those who are purposely working against the true “move of God.”

In the article just preceding, it speaks of “powerful answers to the sincere prayers of the new category of believer, including believe it or not, hundreds of dramatic cases of resurrection.” It sounds like the last great revival previous to God’s Kingdom coming in such a mighty way that it moves across the earth as “the waters cover the sea.”

This was shown to Claude Allen back in 1946. He saw humanity as a field of clods. The clods were *softened* by what the Spirit termed a two-minute shower {i.e. the great 1948-1951 revival}, but in the revival at the end of the age a downpour came that *melted* all the clods together. Praise His Name forever!

Bearing this in mind, we want to share with you from World News “The Christians of the Ukraine Have Become a Powerful Force in the Former Soviet Republic.” Sunday Adelaja is the pastor of a 25,000-member Embassy of God Church in Kiev, Ukraine. (A full report can be found in “Charisma” magazine). He says, “It is

unbelievable. The Christians are in unity. The Baptists are standing beside the Orthodox people, which is amazing because the Orthodox hated us before.”

“Religious tension has been high in Ukraine since they gained their independence in 1991. At that time there were only 250,000 evangelical Christians, but today there are three million adherents. Yuschenko’s victory shows that evangelical churches have become a powerful force.

“Adelaja’s church, which meets in 34 locations in Kiev on Sundays, is considered Europe’s largest. This pastor is a Nigerian who studied at a communist university in the former Soviet Union. Some old-regime politicians have tried several times to deport him. ‘They claim that I use ‘black magic’ to win converts,” Adelaja said. “They say it is a disgrace that a black man is teaching Ukrainians.’ Because of the size of his congregation, and because of his race, he has borne much resistance from government forces. He was forbidden to travel out of the country from 1997 to 2000. He has been told he does not have the right to preach and that his members have become “zombies”

“They tell me it is impossible to see a drug addict delivered, so I invite them to come to see 1,000 people who are free from drugs,” said Adelaja, who is not the only African leading a church in this predominantly white nation.

“Henry Madava, a Pentecostal from Zimbabwe, pastors the second-largest congregation in Kiev, a 8,000-member Victory Church. Madava said he saw the direct intervention of God in the presidential election. “God is totally removing the corruption that has ruled this country for 13 years,” he said. “God is bringing an awareness in the people of their freedom. It used to be that Christians here were passive and intimidated. Not any more! Every Christian leader has been in the streets. Now Christians know they have authority.”.

THE BLOOD COVENANT

Part 15

Elaine

“That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.” Blood Covenant is an eastern concept. We were strangers to the covenant of promise. A foreigner is one who is not in covenant, but a stranger is one

who is in covenant, but doesn’t know what the covenant is. The power in the Blood of Jesus is the power behind the Covenant. The blood ratifies (confirms, makes valid) the covenant. Who is the covenant maker? Any man can make a covenant with another, but he has to have the ability to fulfill that covenant. And, we know that only Jesus has the power to fulfill the covenant promises He made with man.

In the East, a Blood Covenant is more powerful than a natural-born relationship. They have a phrase, “Blood is thicker than milk.” This means that a covenant entered into by two people is more powerful than any family relationship. A Blood Covenant man is afforded all the rights of a family member. He could see the sister unveiled, whereas no other man except family members may see her like this.

Very seldom would one see a covenant broken in the East. If it happened, the wife and mother of the covenant breaker would turn him over to the destroyers, and they would pursue his family for four generations.

Psalm 84:10 says, *“For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.”* The meaning of “door-keeper” means “one that is on the inside of the door that looks after the door on which the blood of the sacrifice is placed. It’s talking about someone in covenant. David is saying, “I would rather be in covenant for one day than to spend a thousand years outside of covenant!”

Amos speaks of the Day of the Lord and since we are entering into that day, we should consider what it means. Amos 5:16-20, *“Therefore the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord, saith thus; Wailing shall be in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! Alas! And they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are skilful of lamentation to wailing. And in all vineyards shall be wailing: for I will pass through (abar--to pass by, go in front of) thee, saith the Lord. Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! To what end is it for you? The day of the Lord is darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not light? Even very dark; and no brightness in it?”*

The Day of the Lord is the Day when the Lord once again passes through the land, being strong on behalf of those who are under the Blood. So, the Day of the Lord is joy for some and sorrow and grief and gnashing of teeth to others. It was very plain to see from the accounts of deliverance that came out of the Tsunami in Asia that the Lord made a difference to those who were under the Blood!

I am quite aware that many of the younger generation who have not beheld any wondrous works of God, attribute the Tsunami solely to natural causes. Their mind searches for natural causes for natural disasters. Yet, the Lord claims that He is the Author and the Doer of it! Saints of all ages have taken comfort from Psa. 46:1-3, *“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.”* Verse 8 tells us, **“Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth.”**

Zephaniah 1:7-9 says, *“Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord God: for the day of the Lord is at hand: for the Lord hath prepared a sacrifice; he hath bid his guests (set apart, consecrated).”* The Lord is the host here. He is pouring out the Blood upon the threshold. **“And it shall come to pass in the day of the Lord’s sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king’s children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel (adopted the ways of the pagans). In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters’ houses with violence and deceit.”** These are they who step on the blood of the covenant and esteem it not. *“They say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil.”* (He is not concerned—this is what many “king’s kids” are saying!).

When Jesus came, it was not the Day of the Lord. It was the Day of the Lamb when the Sacrifice was poured out. Vs. 9, *“For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.”*

Song of Solomon 5:6, “I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.”

To “open the door” is to yield and obey the Spirit through faith so that Christ may be our all in all. Let us now fill our alabaster boxes with the precious myrrh of repentance, of communion and prayer, yielding to the Holy Spirit. Let us search for every bolt that has barred the door to our Beloved. No bolt can stand before our deeper adoration, obedience and prayer, lying at His feet in utter humility.

He had continued knocking at the door of her heart until He roused her from slumber. She loved Him alone and knew His voice, but He was not content to let her remain in a place of satisfaction of answered prayers, spiritual experiences, and prophetic words. He was calling her to come apart with Him, to leave everything to come into a higher place of revelation and separation unto Himself.

The bride may not intentionally refuse Him. She feels she must finish what she is doing, and fulfill her commitment to her fellow man or to her family. There may be some “Christian work” that is demanding her attention. Or, she may continue resting and enjoying the admiration of those about her. We are happy to be called but often we let some small thing hinder us from obeying His Voice. Sometimes we are lulled to sleep by good resolutions. We can see ourselves, by the eye of the Spirit, possessing all He has shown us. This is so deceptive that we settle down to sleep, dreaming this delightful dream, and fail to gird up our loins and follow after Him.

When the true Bride awakens and opens the door and does not find Him there, her heart bleeds for Him. She feels she must find him even though it means intense suffering. She will not return to her passive state and wait for him to come and seek her. She steps out into the darkness, not understanding why He went on, and plunges into the night to seek Him whom her soul loveth. This intense seeking after her Beloved presents new problems from unexpected sources!

Vs. 5:7 “The watchmen that went about the city found me; they smote me; they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me.” The shepherds in the third chapter had pointed out the way to her so that she was able to

THE SONG OF THE BRIDE

find her Beloved. But, in this passage, the watchmen are backslidden and resent the hunger and the repentance of the bride. They are embarrassed that any should seek Him more diligently than they. Nothing will stir up persecution faster than to have a poor, hungry soul run ahead of the shepherd. This brings conviction to the shepherds who, unless they pursue after Him also, must revile the one who has thus shamed them.

We are all aware of watchmen who had lulled us to slumber by their soothing words, and who warned us of fanaticism—of “going too far” in our search for Him. They wanted us to sleep and be satisfied like the rest of the sheep who lie docile in their stalls. “Don’t rock the boat” seems to be the watchword. Don’t bestir the others and cause them to be discontented. Leave well enough alone! They hinder, rather than assist, the bride in her search for a deeper walk with her Lord.

When she found He had gone on and left her behind, she no longer had any arguments about soiling her feet or getting up to open the door. No—she heeded not the remonstrances of the watchmen who tried to silence her voice with thinly-veiled threats. They accused her of emotionalism and a desire to be seen, of disturbing the peace of the flock. With such words they beat her and took away her veil.

To an eastern woman, to take away her veil meant she was a harlot for only harlots go unveiled. The watchmen taking her veil is a symbol of persecution, misrepresentation, and casts slurs upon her zeal for the Lord. These slurs are echoed by the sheep who always follow the shepherds, no matter where they lead, not discerning the Voice of the True Shepherd and Bishop of their souls who calls every hungry heart to a closer walk with Him *outside the camp, bearing His reproach*.

FROM MY PRAYER TIMES Elaine

1. Lessons from Isaiah: The Lord dropped Isa. 52:14 into my heart: “...his visage was so marred more than any man....” He caused us to understand that when we do not show the Lord’s nature as it truly is, but instead show the carnal man, we are “marring the Lord’s visage.”

One of our spiritual daughters who is going through very deep waters is leaning entirely upon the Lord and people are marvelling at the smile on her countenance. I would say she is glorifying the face of the Lord! So it would seem that, by our attitudes, we either mar or glorify His visage!

Lesson #2: As I waited before Him, I heard: “**the Lamb upon the throne.**” (We think of the **King** upon the throne, but it is the One with the Lamb nature Who is upon the throne!) This was followed by these words: “**I hid not My face from shame and spitting.**” (Isa. 50:6). Spitting is “to eject saliva violently or forcefully; to spit in a person’s face is the ultimate insult and act of shame to him.” I heard the Spirit say that in spitting in Jesus’ face, man imparted unto Him the **shame of the curse** he walked under. This is the point at which man’s curse from the fall was imparted unto Jesus. When I asked the Lord to clarify this, He said it was like when the priest laid hands on the animal to be sacrificed and imparted man’s sins unto it. (No priest would do this at His trial, for they knew not that He was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world for them). I saw how Jesus hid not His face from receiving our curse, to bear it so that man might be released from it! Mat. 27:29,30 gives the scene: “And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And **they spit upon him**, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.”

2. Examined by Scourging: On the day we call Palm Sunday the little lamb who was to be offered for the people at Passover was paraded through Jerusalem. It was kept in the outer court of the temple for four days to be examined by the people to determine that it was truly without spot or blemish and was a suitable offering. Shortly after the lamb was led through the city, Jesus followed the same route. He also was to be examined (to test, or determine) to see if He were a suitable offering! For the following days, the hardest questions were put to him by the Pharisees, and when He was apprehended, He was “**examined by scourging.**”

Paul also was to be “examined by scourging” until they found he was a free man and a Roman I’m not sure of the reason for this custom, but the Lord brought this term to me in prayer. It could be that His reaction—whether blessing or cursing, would prove His true origin. A person being beaten might confess their guilt or their innocence, but Jesus did neither. As a lamb before his shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth.

The Spirit whispered to me, “Sometimes I examine *you* by scourging (that He might see our

reaction to opposition and we would thus learn our own heart!)

3. Heathen for Thine Inheritance: The Spirit dropped this verse into my heart: **“For those that sat in darkness have seen a great light” Isa. 9:2.** Then He spoke, “I have heard the groanings of the prisoners and have come down (Psa. 102:20; Ex. 2:23-25). For have I not promised thee the heathen for thine inheritance? And as you are being prepared to possess your spiritual inheritance in Me, shall I not begin to prepare the hearts of these who shall be yours because the Father has given them unto thee to love and to nurture. Be thou faithful in so doing.” (John Ch. 17)

This word pricked my heart, for I realized that I had been thinking of my inheritance as having the fullness of the Lord’s Spirit. That was something for *myself*. The priests in Old Testament times did not receive an inheritance in the land, for *the Lord was their inheritance!* This is what I had been concentrating on—having the Lord for my inheritance. And now the Lord turned my focus on the heathen, as if to say, “Don’t forget, these are your inheritance also!”

So, I concluded that our inheritance is three-fold: 1. *The Lord is our inheritance.*

2. *The heathen are our inheritance.*

3. *The sure mercies of David (that we should not know corruption) are our inheritance).*

WHO IS ON THE LORD’S SIDE?

Faith Williams

(Faith was recently at a meeting where there was a mixture of kingdom and New Age believers. The Lord dropped this word into her heart and it stayed there for some days until He gave her more words in the form of this poem. Elaine)

*Who is on the Lord’s side? Hear the clarion call
Unto those who’ve heard His, “Will you give your
all?”*

*Who has read the silent writing on the wall,
From the hand of Him who stood in Pilate’s
Judgment Hall.*

*Time to face the plumb-line of the Pattern shown
Time to surely know that we are not our own.
Words that we have spoken—is our testimony sure
When the furnace is heated—even seven times
more?*

Have we chosen wisely—loving not our life

*In the midst of battle, tempest, test and strife
Is Christ truly our Pattern—His earth-walk our
own?*

*Will we pay the price—to sit with Him in His
throne?*

*His trumpets now are sounding—A message loud
and clear*

*Are there those who love Him wholly—hold not
their lives as dear?*

*“To him that overcometh”—the message has not
changed*

*“To him that overcometh”—the fires are not
strange!*

*Though some have taken by-paths that will surely
bring them loss*

*The Voice from the Mount is heard again—Take
up, take up your cross*

*Sell not your birthright, brethren, let no man take
your crown*

*Be willing, O be willing—to lay your soul-life
down.*

Are our hearts as flint set? Will we follow on?

Night is now upon us—Onward comes the Dawn.

*Is He All our heart’s desire?—hear Him ask to-
day:*

*“Who is on the Lord’s side—who will His voice
obey?”*

THE GAZE OF THE SOUL

A. W. Tozer

(I have been reading some of the works of that wonderful old saint, A.W. Tozer who has a powerful word for the church of our day. I feel to share a few points that particularly impacted me. He is here giving us a unique explanation of what “faith” means. Elaine)

Numbers tells us of a time when Israel became discouraged and spoke against God. He sent fiery serpents in their midst. When Moses prayed, God gave him the remedy of the serpent on the pole. They were instructed to *look and live*. Jesus explains to His hearers how to be saved. It is by believing. And then He refers them to what happened in the Book of Numbers. We see that “looking” is synonymous with “believing.” Though Israel looked with external eyes, believing is done with the heart. We may conclude that *faith is the gaze of a soul upon a saving God.*

Verses that confirm this are: Psa. 34:5; Psa. 123:1-2; Matt. 14:19; John 5:19-21. We are in

structed to run life's race "looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." Believing, then, is directing the heart's attention to Jesus. It is lifting the mind to "behold the Lamb of God," and never ceasing that beholding for the rest of our lives. At first this may be difficult, but it becomes easier as we look steadily at His wondrous person, quietly and without strain. Distractions may hinder, but once the heart is committed to Him, after each brief excursion away from Him the attention will return again and rest upon Him like a wandering bird coming back to its window.

"When we will to establish the heart's intention to gaze forever upon Jesus, God takes this intention for our choice and makes what allowances He must for the thousand distractions that beset us in this evil world. He knows that we have set the direction of our hearts toward Jesus, and we can know it too and comfort ourselves with the knowledge that a habit of soul is forming which will become after a while a sort of spiritual reflex requiring no more conscious effort on our part.

"Now, if faith is the gaze of the heart to God, and if this gaze is but the raising of the inward eyes to meet the all-seeing eyes of God, then it follows that it is one of the easiest things possible to do. It would be like God to make the most vital thing easy and place it within the range of possibility for the weakest and poorest of us.

"*Looking* is of the heart and can be done without special equipment or religious paraphernalia. It can be done at *any time*. No season is superior to another season for this sweetest of all acts. Neither does *place* matter in this blessed work of believing God. Lift your heart and let it rest upon Jesus and you are instantly in a sanctuary though it be a factory or a kitchen. You can see God from *anywhere* if your mind is set to love and obey Him. (Excerpt from *The Pursuit of God*, Christian Publications).

THE BRETHERN SHARE

1. Amy Carmichael (told by Elaine): My friend Faith and I were discussing the various ways in which we are being tested these days and the reactions that the Lord is perfecting in us (no more murmurings or complaining!) She reminded me of Amy Carmichael, a missionary to India who rescued little girls from being sold into a life as temple prostitutes. She always told the Lord whenever it was her time to go, she wanted to go quickly and not have a lingering sickness. The Lord knew

what was best for her and He did not answer that prayer. Instead, the last 20 years of her life were spent in the confines of her bedroom. She could sit up in a chair, but could not go anywhere.

Oh, but out of that lonely room came such gold of the Spirit! She had this to say: "A trial comes; it will pass in a few days or months or years We shall have forgotten it. The way we *meet* that trial—our inner attitude toward it, belongs to the things that are *eternal*. It *will matter* 10,000 years hence, whether we conquered or *were* conquered by the temptation to impatience or faithlessness, or worry, which came when the trial rushed upon us.

"And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in Me." Let us turn all our puzzles, all our temptations to wonder *why* into opportunities to receive **the blessings of the unoffended!**

2. Robert Beecham: From time to time well-meaning friends remind me of Heb. 10:25, "**Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as you see the day approaching.**" Where and when should we assemble? All we had to do was turn up at the local church, and as long as a few others did the same, there was an assembly. One serious problem emerged—"Was Jesus at the *center* of the gathering?" Sometimes He was at the fringe and sometimes He wasn't there at all.

The Greek word for assembling means "a gathering together **at...**" It doesn't say where or when. 2 Thes. 2:1 tells us, "**Now we beseech you, brethren, by the presence (or coming) of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together to him.**" He is the meeting place! When we go to church, we meet the other people who go to church. When we go to Jesus, we meet the other people who go to Jesus. Jesus said, "**Come to Me.**" He is the meeting place.

Now a parable: Once I saw a circle with myself and others on the circumference. I wanted to get closer to my brothers and sisters, so I moved round the circumference in one direction. But as I got closer to some, I got further away from others. When I reversed my direction it was no better. Again, I got closer to some, but further away from others. I gave up and stopped trying to get closer to my brothers and sisters, and instead moved towards the center of the circle, and others did the same. And what do you think happened? We all got closer to each other. And who do you think

was at the center of the circle? The same one who said, “Come to Me.”

3. Obadiah 1:15 NIV: “The day of the Lord is near for all nations; As you have done, it will be done to you: Your deeds will return upon your own head.”

4. Treasures of Darkness: Dr. Brian Bailey was caring for his wife who had heart problems. One day, as he was caring for her, the Lord came into the room and said, “You want this trial to be over quickly, don’t you?”

He answered, “Yes.”

The Lord walked across the room and turned around and His countenance was changed. He said: “You know Me as your Saviour, Healer and Baptiser. Now you need to know Me as the Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief. You need to take your time and discover *the treasures of darkness.*” (Isa. 45:3, “And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places.....”)

5. Free 30-page book: Dora Van Assen’s vision and book “**God’s Unfailing Love Revealed in the Cross**” is being made available to our readers in an easy-to-receive format. If you are interested, E-mail Mary Kay Lolley at:

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6. Free Books: Emmanuel Church has made the books of T. Austin-Sparks available free upon request. They will send you a list of them. The ones I enjoyed were: **The School of Christ, The Persistent Purpose of God, The Great Transition from One Humanity to Another.** Request from:
Emmanuel Church 12000 E.14th St.
Tulsa, OK 74128-5016 U. S.A.

7. Veronica Martindale: I want to share with you the way God confirmed that scripture in Hebrews about labouring to come into His rest. I was looking out of the window of the caravan (motorhome) and it was a very windy day. Just yards above my head I saw a large seagull flapping and flapping his wings to get higher into the wind current. When he got there, he just coasted on the current, wings outstretched and head up into the air. He looked as if he was experiencing a wonderful rest. His eyes were practically closed. Every now and then he would fall a bit and then flap to get back into the airflow.

Later, I saw a couple trying to fly a kite and they battled to get it into the air but when it did go up, how it soared! Also, the man kept controlling the handles with cords to keep the kite up and in

the current. When it came out of it, it came crashing down to the ground and they started the process all over again. I felt God was showing me how I have to labour to come into that place of rest. Fight the flesh to get into the Spirit.

8. Judith MacNutt (from Tentmaker Inspirational: In Search of Jesus): I lived in Israel for a number of years. I ran a house of prayer in Jerusalem. Palestinians, other Arabs, Orthodox Jews and international people traveled through, seeking God. This one day a young man of about 35 years came in the house of prayer. I’ve never seen anyone so full of rage, even in psychiatric hospitals. (Judith is a psychiatrist). He had lost his farm to the Israelis, and he had lost members of his family—the same kind of things that are happening there now. He had lost everything. He was a Moslem. He said, “There is no God.”

We took him into a room where we prayed. After a few hours of much prayer and listening, he was touched by God. The Lord Jesus truly came to him. I’m not sure I would have had the grace to do what he did if my mother, father or sister were killed before my very eyes, or if my land was taken. But because Jesus came to him, he was able to forgive. And he accepted the Lord Jesus. Then we prayed for him and he received the Holy Spirit.

We had large windows in the front of the room, and he saw an Israeli armored truck go by with several young Jewish soldiers in the back. The next thing we knew, he went running out the door. We weren’t really sure what he was going to do so we ran after him as he went tearing down the street. When it stopped at an intersection, he literally threw himself into the back with the soldiers

Immediately, twelve machine guns were pointed at him because they recognized him as a Palestinian. They thought he had a bomb. There was much confusion, and it was very dangerous. Meantime, we were outside the truck, crying. But they saw that there was something different about his face. Then, he shocked them by throwing his arms around them, one by one.

He said, “I love you because of Jesus Christ. You are my brothers.” And every single one of those Jewish boys started weeping. They held him and wept with him. From that day on, I knew what it meant to call Jesus the Prince of Peace, the One who came and said, “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid” John 14:27.

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