



Dubin's Digest

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Ministry Update



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Dear *Mishpocha*,

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Yeshua! We hope you are well and experiencing abundant blessings from the Holy One of Israel, Jesus. With a heart full of praise and gratitude, we are thankful to be a part of your family and His service. We are excited to share the amazing work God is doing here in South Florida.

From Larry:

February 14 is the second anniversary of my entrance into the Cancer Club. Right now, the leukemia remains in remission, and as my mind and body are healing from the side effects created by cancer medicines, I am functioning 15–18 hours a day. My journey with cancer continues to be blessed beyond words.

I was reminded of one of those blessings recently. As I was reading the first two chapters of the Book of Job, I focused on Job's three friends. They served Job well for the first seven days. In the days after I received the cancer diagnosis, six Jesus-loving, Spirit-filled, Bible-believing men "surrounded" me. Those six men served me well for much longer than seven days! They held my hands up and encouraged me moment by moment when I was a novice to the realm of cancer. They, too, will be reading this letter. I do not have the space to express how grateful I am for their input into my life.

As you know, I have been attending several meet-up groups, which began online during the pandemic but now meet in person. Because they have become such a vital way of interacting with Jewish people, I started my own group on the meet-up social media platform. The name of the group is "Conservative Schmooze '24". We will meet twice a month (for now) in the heart of the South Florida Jewish community, Boca Raton. Please begin praying for our conversations. So far, 16 people have signed up to attend!

A few days ago, during a Saturday morning discussion of current events at a group I attend, it was apparent to us that although we have solutions to the problems that are upon us, we lack the power to implement the solutions. One of my goals for these discussion groups is for the participants to realize that all human solutions fail to provide hope and peace. Only in Jesus can hope and peace be found. The members of these groups have witnessed my journey with cancer, and they have observed my peace amid the storm.

Please pray with me for the salvation of my friends Eddie, Paul, and Rich. Eddie is an Israeli who has been living in the United States for 50 years. His heart is broken because of the events of October 7 and the war in the Middle East. I recently had lunch with him and learned that although he is as Jewish as they come, he is not religious at all. He shared his plethora of medical issues, giving me a great platform to talk about the Healer.

Paul is an unsaved Jewish retired electrical engineer. Paul's battle with cancer started again, and he is asking questions about my faith in the Holy One of Israel. Rich is a retired professor and entrepreneur—a man who lacks nothing. But he is an unsaved Jewish man who also is battling cancer right now. The Gospel seed, the biblical ideas of hope and peace, have been planted and watered with Eddie, Paul, and Rich. As you can see, the trials we go through in life often lead to a plethora of opportunities to share about Jesus.

From Deb:

I'm excited to share the progress of my relationship with Kathy, one of the ladies I met at the synagogue. Kathy and I have been playing mahjongo and canasta for several months now. We've cultivated a nice relationship that our husbands have entered. We even had Kathy and her husband, Artie, at our home for dinner last year.

Several days ago, we got together for lunch. During the conversation, she asked about how Larry and I met and whether Larry's family was Jewish, too. As the conversation continued, I learned that as a young child, Kathy experienced a situation that she hasn't forgotten in over 50 years. Her Catholic neighbor told her that she (the Jews) killed Jesus! As you can imagine, it frightened her so much that she went in and told her mom. What was said left enough of an impact on her that she repeated the story to me!

We had a wonderful conversation about how "theoretically" the Jews *did* want to kill Jesus, but, more importantly, that it was God's choice for Him to die. At the end of the conversation, she told me how much she enjoys our relationship and that I am truly knowledgeable. Glory to God, because it's only due to being a student of Scripture! Kathy went on to mention how thankful she is that I am not one of "those people" who try to slam Jesus and religion down her throat.

Evangelism can be organic. I have been attending and hosting Jewish events for years. Many of the relationships I have with Jewish ladies are because I "do life" with them. They watch me. They ask questions. They say that I am interesting. Jewish immersion has been one of the best opportunities to discuss the Bible, often without opening it, with so many in my circle. I share my testimony as I weave truths of Scripture. Please pray for Kathy's salvation and that relationships grow, as I desire to study the Words of Scripture with them more often.

I attend a Bible study on the book of James, and one of the key themes is to live a life consistent with your values and beliefs. Start with wisdom (James 1:5). Know your people and learn, seek, and pray about how you might engage with them on issues of faith and belief.



I received my weekly email from the synagogue that I attend with these ladies. I almost fell off the chair when I read that they will host an interfaith service with Calvary Chapel this month. Praise God! What will that look like? An interfaith service? Really? I can't wait to tell you about it in our next newsletter! Please pray. The rabbi knows both Larry and me and what we believe. I so look forward to attending a Shabbat service where Jesus' name will be spoken!

I have been cultivating a relationship with Sharon (Larry mentioned her husband, Rich, above) since she reached out to me, knowing that I have walked the “cancer” journey with Larry. She now walks the same road with her husband. Pray that I will be a good listener, encourage her to press forward, and comfort her with spiritual truths. The only truthful answer to being able to walk alongside her unsaved husband during these difficult days is pressing into Jesus.

About five years ago, I met Annabelle. She is a lovely young Jewish believer whose heart and love for Jesus exudes. Over the years, I’ve watched her mature in her faith. Though Annabelle spends most of her time as a caretaker for her dad (I can relate), she longs for a believing husband. Please pray for Annabelle as she cares for her aging dad and desires a lifelong partner.

Lastly, please pray for Nomi. Though she is an Israeli unbeliever, she gives credit to God when she encounters various “coincidences.” She wanted to give me a book she was reading that confused her: *The Footsteps of the Messiah*. I told her it is more like a reference book that helps us understand ideas that are in the Hebrew Bible and the *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament). “The day I put it down,” she said, “I turned on the TV (which happened to be a ‘church’ channel), and the speaker was talking about the very thing I was reading! I couldn’t believe it!” she exclaimed. I told her God was trying to get her attention. Since I already had a copy of the book, we decided to look at it together the next time we meet, in the coming week.

Earlier this year, I went for an MRI on my shoulder and learned that I needed surgery on my rotator cuff. I guess that I did too many shoulder presses at the gym! Surgery is scheduled for March 18. I will be in a sling for four weeks and have over three months of physical therapy. Though the timing is not great, as it is during the hectic Easter/Passover season, I am grateful for insurance and a doctor whom I trust. Please pray for the procedure, for Larry, who will be my 24/7 caregiver, for the medical team, and for the recovery period.

We are all called to participate in the Great Commission of Acts 1:8. What a blessing it is to see God at work reaching out to people through our ministry with CJF. Thanks for your partnership through your prayers and financial gifts as we impact this region together.

May His grace continue to shine in your life!

In Messiah’s love,

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is 'Larry' and the second is 'Sharon'.