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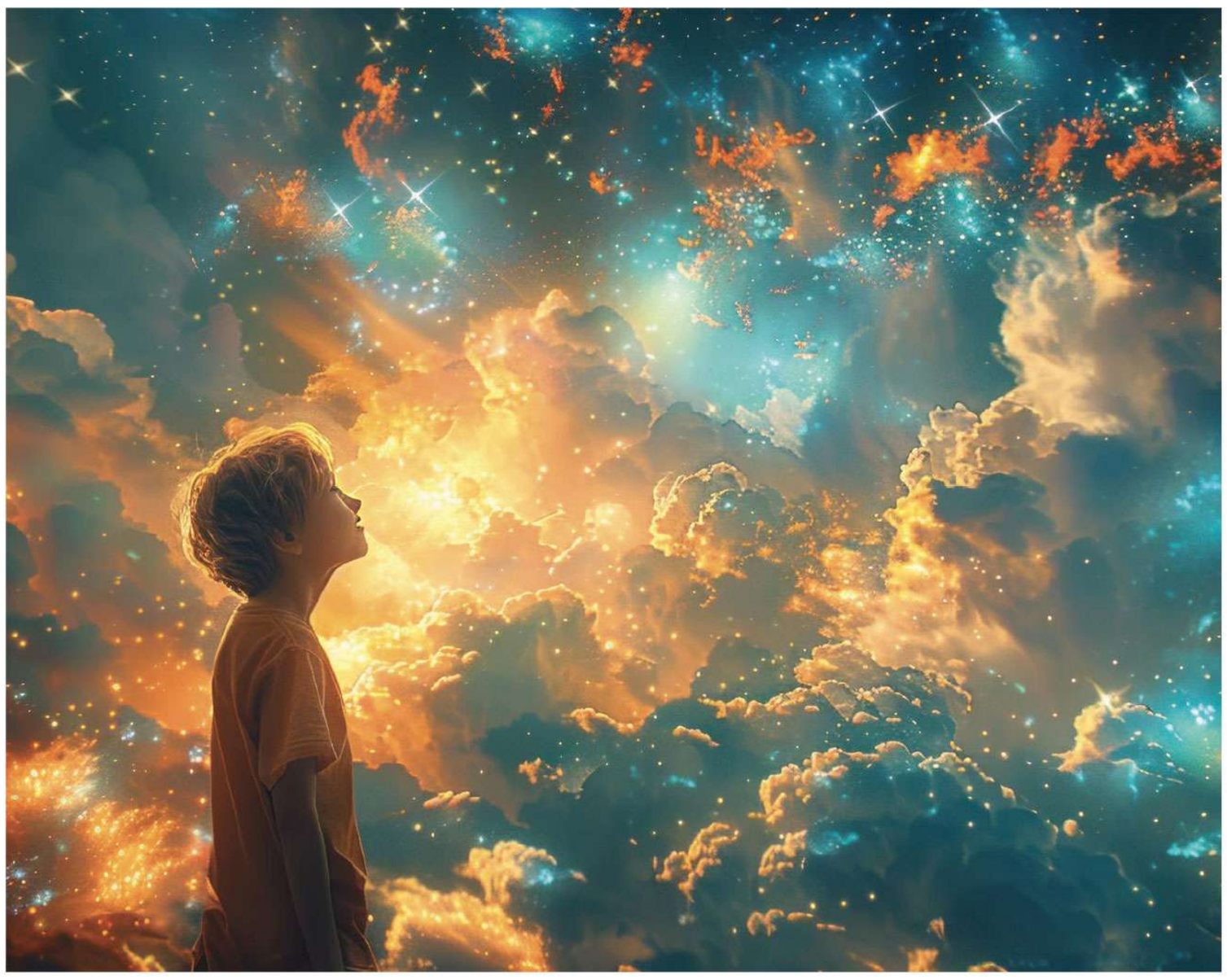
KISLEV 5787:
THE MONTH OF DIVINE ALIGNMENT

AWAKEN, REDEDICATE & SHINE

The ninth biblical month has arrived, Kingdom Family! As we enter KISLEV 5787, we stand at the intersection of darkness and light, waiting and fulfillment, revelation and action. The question before us is no longer simply what Adonai has promised, but whether our hearts, minds, and actions are aligned with what He has already spoken. Kislev is a month traditionally associated with ***dreams, hope, trust, and the Festival of Lights.*** Yet beneath these familiar themes lies a profound invitation to examine our foundations. Are we building according to the blueprint of heaven or according to the expectations of the world? *Are we listening to the voice of YHWH or allowing the noise of circumstances, uncertainty, and fear to determine our next steps?* Have we become so accustomed to waiting for a breakthrough that we have forgotten to obey the instructions already given to us? This Kislev, the invitation is to move beyond simply knowing the promises of Elohim and begin living as people who truly believe them.



WE ARE ENTERING A SEASON in which the days grow shorter in Israel, the nights stretch longer, and the natural world reminds us that light becomes most noticeable when darkness surrounds it. Yet Scripture never tells us to measure the faithfulness of Adonai by the circumstances around us. On the contrary, we are commanded to walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). Perhaps you have been waiting for an answer, a restoration, a reconciliation, a healing, or a promise that seems increasingly distant. Perhaps you have received **dreams and revelations** but cannot yet understand how they fit into your present circumstances. Or perhaps you have been blessed beyond expectation, only to discover that success itself has become a test of your devotion to the Most High. Whatever your circumstances, remember this: the darkness does not determine the destiny of those who walk in the light of YHWH. The prophet Isaiah declared, *"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you"* (Isaiah 60:1–2). These words were spoken concerning Zion's restoration, yet they remind us of an enduring truth: darkness cannot prevent Adonai from accomplishing His purposes. This Kislev, may our response not be fear, retreat, or compromise, but repentance, obedience, courage, and renewed devotion to the King of glory.

TRUST THAT PRODUCES OBEDIENCE

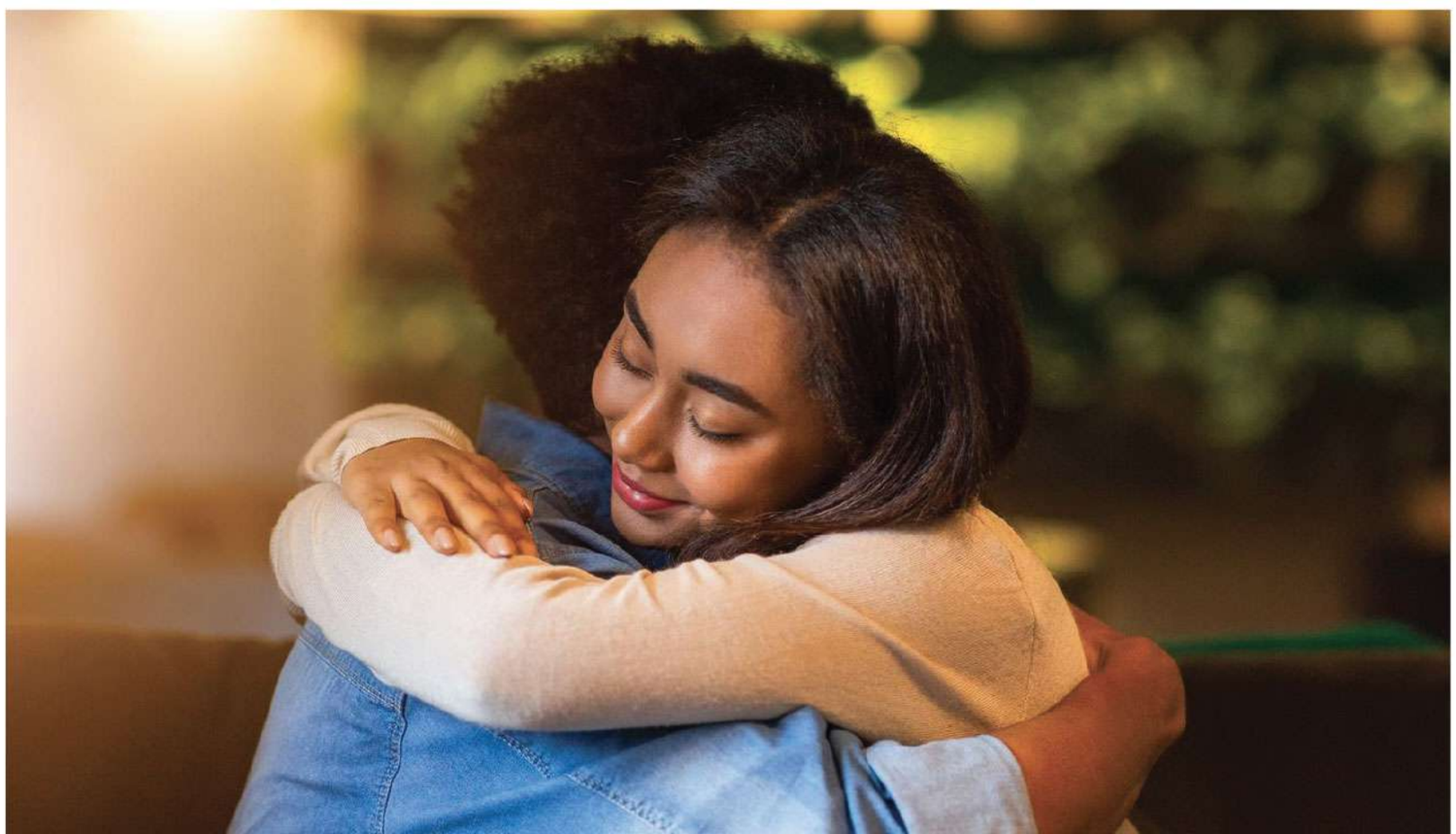


The Hebrew name KISLEV (בסלו) has long been associated in Jewish reflection with confidence and hope, inviting us to consider where our trust truly rests. It is one thing to declare that we trust YHWH when everything is going according to plan. It is another to remain faithful when the plan appears to have fallen apart. Consider ***Joseph,*** the young dreamer who received extraordinary revelations concerning his future, yet the path toward their fulfillment looked nothing like what he could have imagined. His brothers betrayed him; he was sold into slavery, falsely accused, imprisoned, and forgotten by those he had helped. Imagine Joseph measuring **the faithfulness of Adonai** by his immediate circumstances. Every prison wall would have seemed like evidence that the dreams were false, and every passing year could have become another reason to surrender to bitterness. But Joseph understood something that many of us are still learning: a promise from YHWH does not eliminate the process through which He prepares us to fulfill it.

When Pharaoh finally summoned Joseph, years of preparation converged in a single moment. The prisoner became a ruler, not because circumstances suddenly made sense, but because the wisdom, discernment, and ***character developed through adversity*** were now needed to preserve countless lives (Genesis 41). What appeared to be a personal breakthrough was actually preparation for a much greater responsibility.



Kingdom Family, have we considered that some of the answers we are seeking may require a transformation of our character before we are ready to steward them? Are we asking Adonai for greater influence while neglecting faithfulness in small responsibilities? ***Are we praying for restoration while refusing to forgive?*** Are we requesting divine wisdom while ignoring the instructions already written in His Word? Joseph's testimony reminds us that dreams are not an invitation to passivity. They are an invitation to faithfulness. This Kislev, let us stop measuring progress solely by what we can see and begin examining the fruit of what Adonai is producing within us. *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths"* (Proverbs 3:5–6). Trust is not merely believing that YHWH can act. It is choosing to obey Him even when we do not understand how He will act.



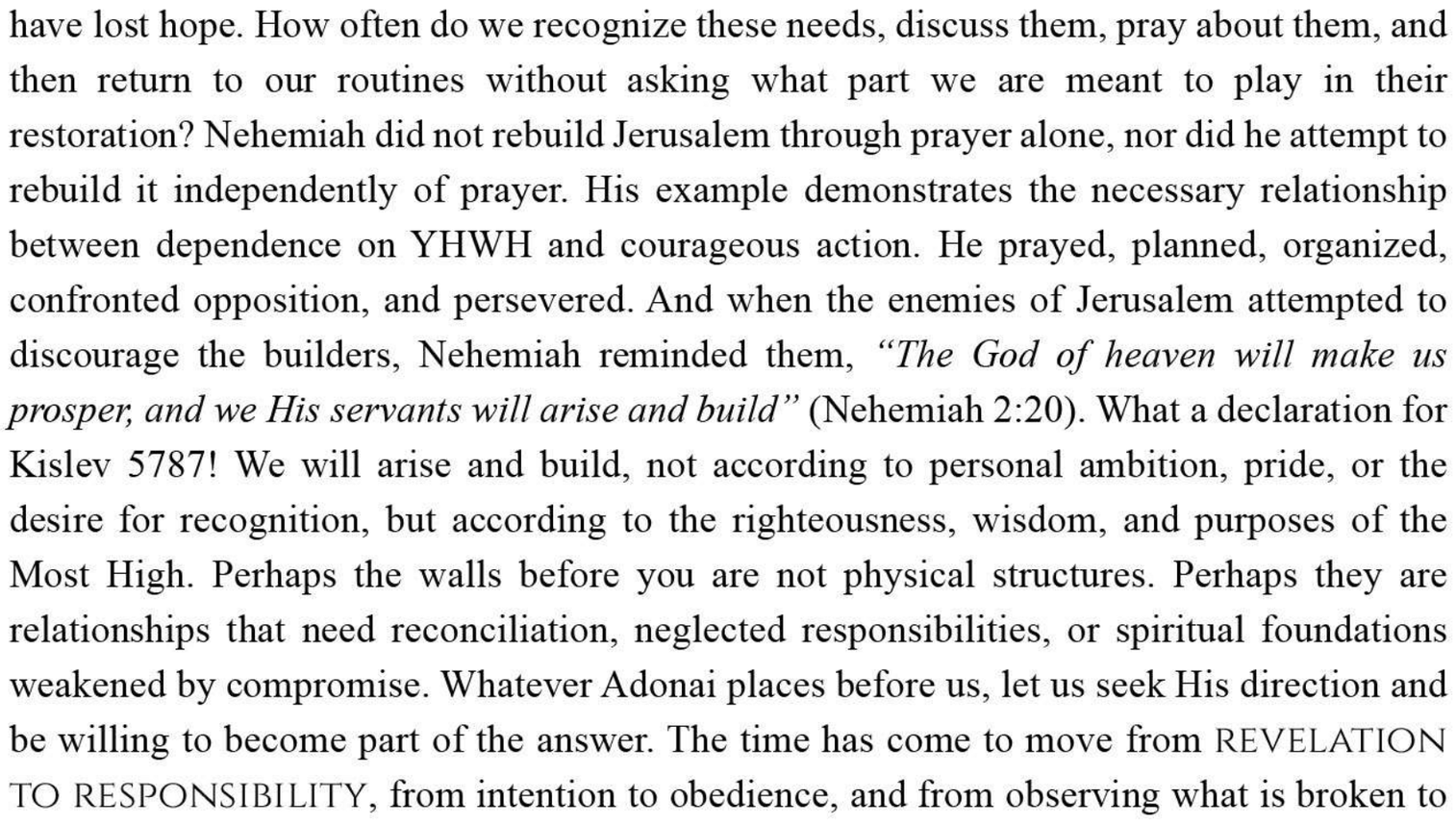
NEHEMIAH:
WHEN REVELATION BECOMES RESPONSIBILITY

It was in the month of KISLEV that Nehemiah received devastating news concerning Jerusalem. The walls of the city were broken down, its gates had been destroyed by fire, and its people were living in distress and disgrace (Nehemiah 1:1–3). Nehemiah could have responded with criticism, despair, or endless discussion about who was responsible for the destruction. Instead, Scripture tells us that he sat down, wept, mourned, fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven. *But his story did not end with prayer*. After seeking Adonai, Nehemiah eventually approached the Persian king, received permission to travel, and began the difficult work of rebuilding Jerusalem's walls. Between the prayer of Kislev and the royal audience recorded in Nisan, Nehemiah carried a burden that would become a mission. Here is a lesson for us in this ninth month: not every burden is given merely to make us pray about a problem; sometimes it is **the beginning of a responsibility** we are being called to undertake.



How many broken walls surround us today? Broken families, divided communities, neglected widows and orphans, struggling nations, wounded relationships, and people who have lost hope. How often do we recognize these needs, discuss them, pray about them, and then return to our routines without asking what part we are meant to play in their restoration? Nehemiah did not rebuild Jerusalem through prayer alone, nor did he attempt to rebuild it independently of prayer. His example demonstrates the necessary relationship between dependence on YHWH and courageous action. He prayed, planned, organized, confronted opposition, and persevered. And when the enemies of Jerusalem attempted to discourage the builders, Nehemiah reminded them, *"The God of heaven will make us prosper, and we His servants will arise and build"* (Nehemiah 2:20). What a declaration for Kislev 5787! We will arise and build, not according to personal ambition, pride, or the desire for recognition, but according to the righteousness, wisdom, and purposes of the Most High. Perhaps the walls before you are not physical structures. Perhaps they are relationships that need reconciliation, neglected responsibilities, or spiritual foundations weakened by compromise. Whatever Adonai places before us, let us seek His direction and be willing to become part of the answer. The time has come to move from REVELATION TO RESPONSIBILITY, from intention to obedience, and from observing what is broken to participating in its restoration.

ZECHARIAH:
THE DANGER OF RELIGION WITHOUT TRANSFORMATION



There is another significant biblical event associated with **Kislev** that demands our attention. On the fourth day of the ninth month, Kislev, during the fourth year of King Darius, the word of YHWH came to Zechariah (Zechariah 7:1). The people had sent representatives to inquire whether they should continue observing the fasts associated with Jerusalem's destruction.

The response of Adonai exposed a much deeper issue: *"Say to all the people of the land and the priests: When you fasted and mourned in the fifth month and in the seventh, for these seventy years, was it for Me that you fasted?"* (Zechariah 7:5). What a sobering question! The people were concerned about continuing a religious practice, while Adonai was concerned about the condition of their hearts. He reminded them of what He had required from their ancestors: *"Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart"* (Zechariah 7:9–10).

This is not merely an ancient warning. It is a timeless examination of genuine worship. We can celebrate biblical festivals, study Hebrew, understand prophetic symbolism, quote Scripture, and participate in spiritual gatherings, yet still fail to practice the justice, mercy, humility, and love that YHWH commands. Knowledge without obedience can become another form of self-deception. As we approach Chanukah, the Feast of Dedication, we must ask ourselves whether our devotion is reflected in our conduct. ***Are we quick to pray but slow to forgive?*** Eager to receive revelation but unwilling to accept correction? Passionate about righteousness in our nations while neglecting righteousness in our homes? Yeshua Himself warned against honoring Elohim with our lips while allowing our hearts to remain far from Him (Matthew 15:8). This KISLEV, may our dedication begin where no one else can see it: in our thoughts, motives, decisions, and private obedience. True consecration is not measured by how loudly we proclaim our faith, but by how faithfully we live it.

CHANUKAH:
REDEDICATING WHAT BELONGS TO YHWH



As Kislev unfolds, we approach CHANUKAH, THE FESTIVAL OF DEDICATION, beginning on the evening of the twenty-fifth of Kislev. This year, Chanukah begins at sundown on December 4, 2026, and concludes after nightfall on December 12. Its historical roots take us to the second century BCE, when the Jewish people faced severe religious persecution under the Seleucid ruler Antiochus IV Epiphanes. The Jerusalem Temple had been desecrated, and the observance of Torah was violently suppressed. Yet a group of faithful Israelites resisted the attempt to erase their covenantal identity. Following the Maccabean revolt, **the Temple was recovered, purified, and rededicated to the worship of YHWH.** The historical account of this rededication is preserved in 1 Maccabees 4, while the familiar tradition of the oil lasting eight days appears in later rabbinic literature. But beyond the historical victory and the beloved tradition of the lights lies a question for every generation: ***What in our lives needs to be rededicated to Adonai?***

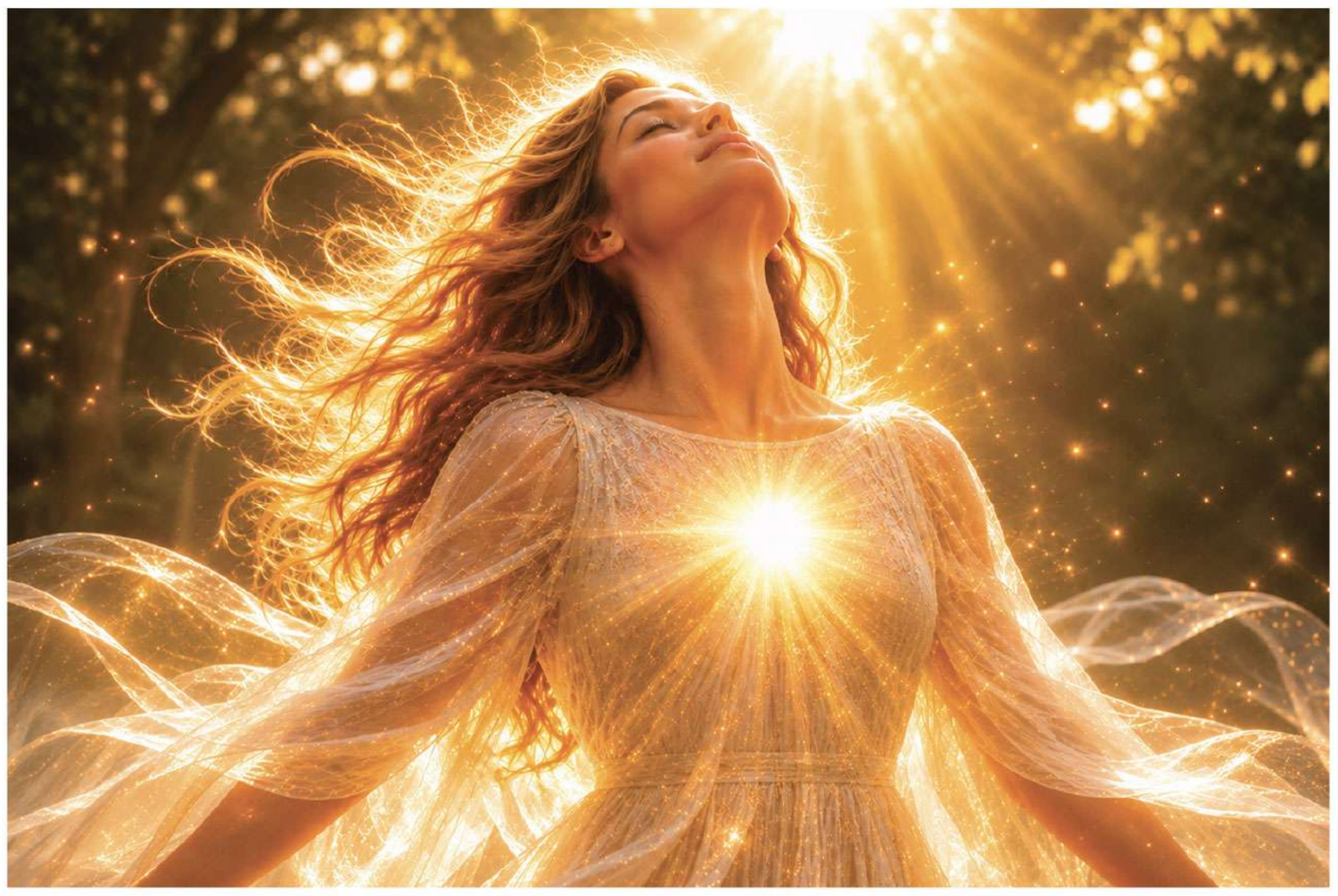


The Temple was not restored simply so that its walls could stand again. It was restored so that worship could resume according to its sacred purpose. Likewise, restoration in our lives must be about more than recovering what was lost. It must lead us back to the One for whom we were created. Perhaps we have allowed our priorities to become disordered. Perhaps fear has occupied the place where faith once stood. Perhaps ambition, disappointment, unforgiveness, or worldly approval has slowly displaced our devotion to YHWH. **Chanukah** reminds us that what has been defiled can be cleansed, what has been neglected can be restored, and what has been set apart for Elohim must not be surrendered to the pressures of the surrounding culture. The apostle Paul wrote, *"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body"* (1 Corinthians 6:19–20). As we light the Chanukah candles, let us remember that the most important dedication is not the lighting of a physical lamp, but the surrender of our hearts and lives to the holiness of the Most High. May this be a Kislev of renewed covenant faithfulness, sincere repentance, and wholehearted worship.

YESHUA:
THE LIGHT THAT DARKNESS CANNOT OVERCOME



One of the most remarkable passages associated with CHANUKAH is found in John 10: *"At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Yeshua was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon"* (John 10:22–23). During the very festival commemorating the rededication of the Temple, Yeshua was present in Jerusalem. The people gathered around Him, asking whether He was the Messiah. His response directed their attention not merely to His words, but to the works He performed in His Father's name. *"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me"* (John 10:27). Consider the significance of this declaration during a season associated with dedication and faithfulness. Yeshua did not say that His sheep merely recognize His existence, admire His teachings, or celebrate His miracles. **He said they hear His voice and follow Him.** This is the heart of divine alignment.

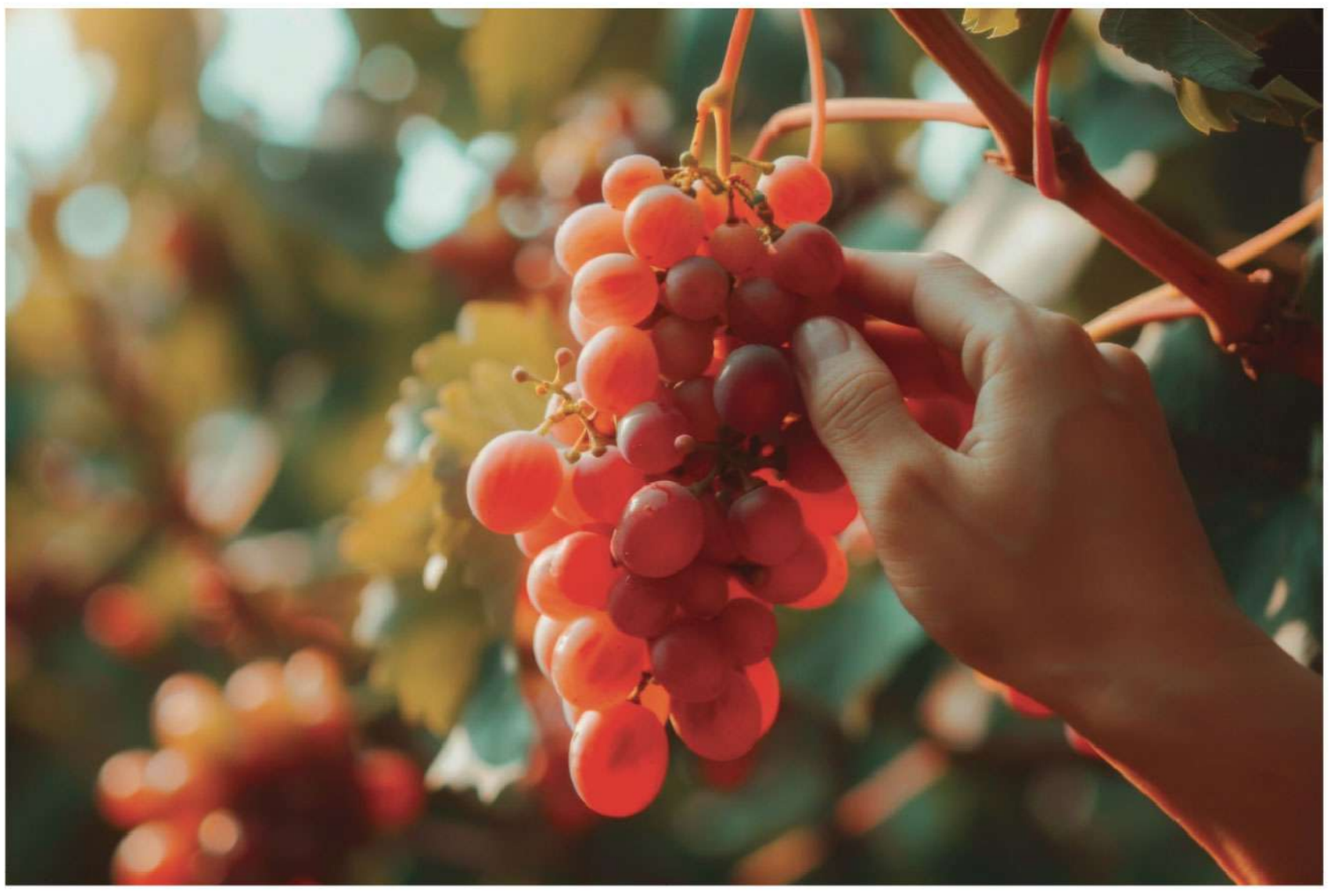


We cannot claim to be following the Good Shepherd while continually choosing paths contrary to His Word. Nor can we expect spiritual discernment to mature if we spend more time listening to fear, speculation, and the opinions of the world than studying Scripture and seeking the Father in prayer. In a world increasingly filled with competing voices, the question is not simply whether Adonai is speaking, but whether we are listening with hearts willing to obey. Yeshua declared, *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"* (John 8:12). Notice again the invitation: whoever follows Him. The light of Yeshua is not an ornament we display during a festival. It is the life and truth by which we are called to walk every day. And as His disciples, we are instructed to reflect that light through our conduct: *"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven"* (Matthew 5:16). Kingdom Family, the purpose of shining is not to attract attention to ourselves, but to glorify our Father in heaven. Let our homes, communities, workplaces, and nations witness that light through truth, generosity, forgiveness, compassion, courage, and obedience. Darkness cannot overcome the light (John 1:5), but we must never confuse shining with merely speaking about the light. **We are called to walk in it.**

THE NINTH MONTH:
FRUITFULNESS BEFORE FULFILLMENT

Kislev is the ninth month when counting from Nissan, the first month of the biblical religious calendar. The number nine is often associated in biblical reflection with fruitfulness, completion, and spiritual maturity. Although Scripture does not assign one universal meaning to the number, several passages invite us to consider the importance of becoming fruitful in our walk with Elohim. In Galatians 5:22–23, Paul describes nine qualities of ***the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*** In 1 Corinthians 12:8–10, he describes nine manifestations of the Spirit given for the benefit of the Body of Messiah. And in Matthew 5:3–12, the teachings of Yeshua are commonly arranged into eight or nine Beatitudes, depending on how the final statements are counted. *What do these passages teach us together?* That spiritual maturity is not measured merely by the gifts we exercise, the revelation we receive, or the authority we claim. It is also revealed through our character.

What good is receiving a dream if we lack the patience to wait for its proper fulfillment? What good is possessing knowledge if we do not walk in love? What good is speaking boldly about righteousness if we refuse to practice self-control? **The gifts of the Spirit are given for service,** while the fruit of the Spirit reveals the character being cultivated within us. Both matter. Joseph possessed the ability to interpret dreams, but his integrity, perseverance, and humility were essential to the responsibilities eventually entrusted to him.



Nehemiah possessed extraordinary leadership ability, but he also demonstrated prayerfulness, courage, and concern for the welfare of his people. And Yeshua, our perfect example, walked in complete obedience to the Father. This Kislev, rather than asking only what new doors Adonai might open, **let us also ask what kind of people we are becoming as we prepare to walk through them.** The greatest breakthrough may not be a change in our circumstances, but a transformation in our hearts that changes how we respond to them.

FROM DREAMS TO DIVINE PURPOSE

The traditional Torah readings during the season of Kislev bring us into the extraordinary story of **Joseph, the dreamer** whose life was shaped by revelation, adversity, and providence. Yet one of the most profound lessons in Joseph's story is not simply that his dreams came true. It is that their fulfillment served a purpose far greater than his personal advancement. When Joseph finally revealed himself to his brothers, he declared, *"So it was not you who sent me here, but God"* (Genesis 45:8). Joseph did not pretend that his brothers had done nothing wrong. Their betrayal was real, and its consequences were painful. But he recognized that YHWH had worked through circumstances of human evil to preserve life. Later, he told them, *"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive"* (Genesis 50:20). This is a profound expression of faith. Joseph's perspective had moved beyond the question of why he had suffered to an understanding of how Elohim could bring redemption from that suffering.



What if, this **Kislev**, we began asking a different set of questions? Instead of only asking when our circumstances will change, what if we asked how Adonai wants us to serve faithfully within them? Instead of asking why certain doors remain closed, what if we examined the responsibilities already entrusted to us? Instead of seeking recognition for our gifts, what if we asked how those gifts could preserve life, restore hope, and bless others? **Not every dream is a divine revelation,** and every impression must be tested against Scripture. But when YHWH truly gives direction, our responsibility is to respond with DISCERNMENT, HUMILITY, AND OBEDIENCE. The prophet Habakkuk was instructed to write the vision plainly (Habakkuk 2:2–3), while James reminds us that faith without works is dead (James 2:17). Together, these passages challenge us to move beyond spiritual excitement into faithful action. Kingdom Family, do not allow the language of destiny to distract you from the discipline of obedience. ***A calling is not fulfilled merely because it has been announced. It must be lived.***

CONCLUSION:
ARISE, REDEDICATE, AND SHINE



As we enter **Kislev 5787,** the invitation before us is both simple and profound: return to the foundation of our faith, align our hearts with the Word of YHWH, ***and allow our devotion to become visible through our actions.*** Like Joseph, we are called to remain faithful when the path toward fulfillment is hidden. Like Nehemiah, we are called to respond to brokenness with prayer, wisdom, and the courage to rebuild. Like the generation addressed by Zechariah, we are reminded that religious activity without justice, mercy, and obedience cannot replace genuine devotion to Elohim. And as we remember CHANUKAH, we are invited to examine what needs to be cleansed, restored, and rededicated in our lives. Above all, we look to Yeshua, the Light of the world, who calls us not merely to recognize His voice, but to follow Him.

The nations may tremble, circumstances may change, and the future may remain uncertain, but the character of YHWH does not change. **He remains faithful, righteous, merciful, and sovereign.** Therefore, let us not enter this month consumed by predictions of darkness, but strengthened by the truth of His Word.



Let us be people who forgive when bitterness seems easier, who build when others retreat, who give when selfishness is celebrated, who speak truth without abandoning love, and who remain faithful even when no one is watching. Perhaps the greatest testimony we can offer this Kislev is not that we received extraordinary revelations, but that **we became more obedient,** more compassionate, more courageous, and more like Yeshua. The world does not need another generation that merely talks about the light. It needs faithful sons and daughters of the Most High who are willing to walk in it.

Let this KISLEV be a month of renewed trust, purified motives, restored relationships, courageous decisions, and wholehearted dedication. May the dreams that come from YHWH produce faithful action, may every restoration glorify His name, and may the light of Yeshua shine through us wherever He has placed us. ***The time to awaken is now.*** The time to rebuild is now. The time to rededicate our hearts is now. Arise, Kingdom Family. It is time to shine!

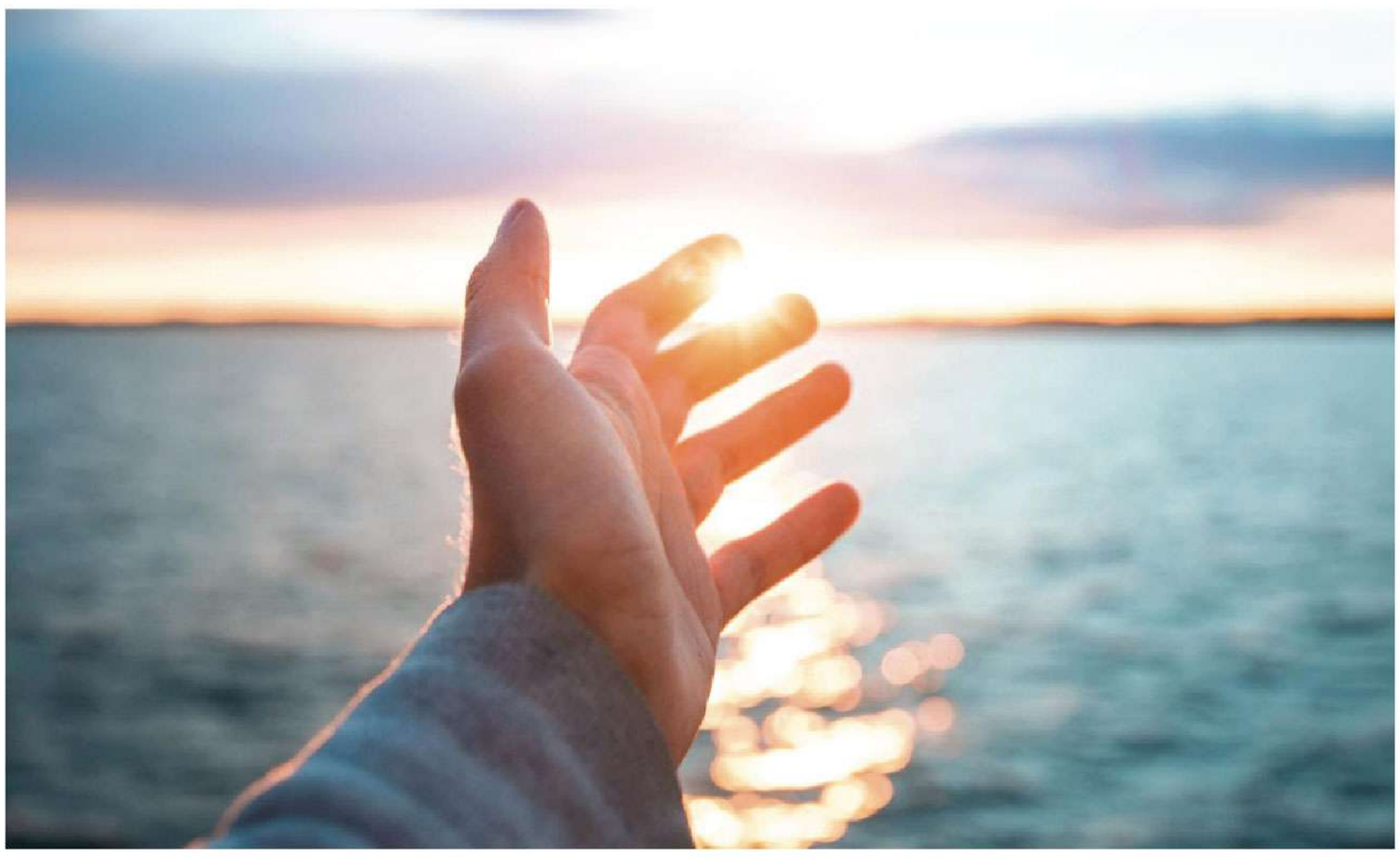
PERSONAL PRAYERS, DECLARATIONS & DECREES

DIVINE ALIGNMENT AND DISCERNMENT

Abba Father, as I enter this ninth biblical month, I surrender my plans, expectations, fears, and ambitions before Your throne. Search my heart and reveal anything that is not aligned with Your Word and Your righteousness. ***Teach me to recognize Your voice*** above the noise of the world and give me wisdom to distinguish between my own desires and Your direction. I declare that my trust will not depend upon circumstances, but upon Your faithfulness. I choose to acknowledge You in all my ways, knowing that You are able to direct my steps according to Your perfect wisdom (Proverbs 3:5–6).

RESTORATION AND COURAGE

YHWH Elohim, just as You heard Nehemiah's prayers and opened the way for him to participate in the rebuilding of Jerusalem, open my eyes to the places where You are calling me to become an instrument of restoration. Give me the courage to confront what is broken, ***the humility to recognize my responsibilities,*** and the perseverance to continue even when opposition arises. I declare that I will not use prayer as an excuse for inaction, nor will I act independently of Your guidance. May my hands be ready to serve and my heart remain steadfast in Your presence.

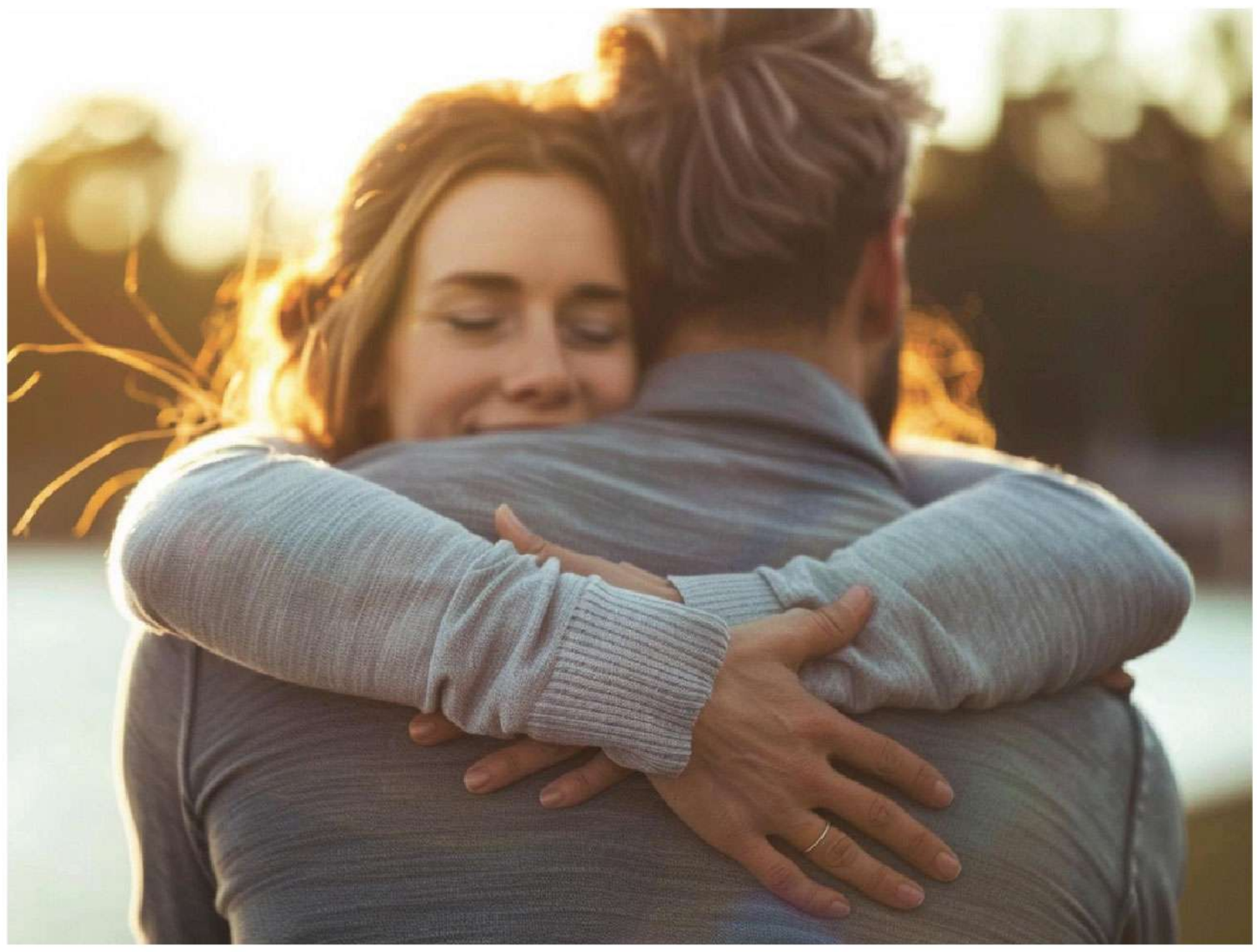


CONSECRATION AND HOLINESS

Adonai, as we remember the rededication of the Temple during Chanukah, I present my life before You as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to You (Romans 12:1). Reveal the areas where I have allowed compromise, pride, unforgiveness, or the approval of others to take precedence over Your Word. ***Cleanse my motives, renew my mind, and teach me to worship You in spirit and truth.*** I declare that my life belongs to You, and I desire that every responsibility, relationship, and opportunity entrusted to me bring glory to Your name.

FORGIVENESS AND DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

Father, thank You for the testimony of Joseph, who learned to recognize Your providence even through betrayal and suffering. Give me the grace to forgive those who have wronged me without denying the truth of what happened. Heal the wounds that continue to influence my decisions, and ***help me establish healthy boundaries where wisdom requires them.*** I declare that bitterness will not determine my future. By Your grace, I choose forgiveness, healing, and freedom, trusting that You are able to bring good even from circumstances intended for evil (Genesis 50:20).



FRUITFULNESS AND SPIRITUAL MATURITY

Ruach HaKodesh, Holy Spirit, cultivate within me the fruit that reflects Your presence. Let love overcome resentment, joy overcome despair, peace overcome anxiety, patience overcome frustration, kindness overcome harshness, goodness overcome compromise, faithfulness overcome inconsistency, gentleness overcome pride, and self-control overcome every destructive desire. I declare that I will seek not merely spiritual gifts and revelation, but ***the maturity necessary to steward them with humility and love*** (Galatians 5:22–23).



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Yeshua HaMashiach, You are the Light of the world, and ***in You there is life that darkness cannot overcome.*** May Your truth guide my words, Your compassion shape my actions, and Your example determine how I respond to those around me. I declare that I will not surrender to fear or allow the uncertainty of this world to extinguish my hope. Where there is division, help me become a peacemaker. Where there is suffering, make me willing to serve. Where there is deception, give me courage to speak truth with love. Where there is darkness, **let Your light be reflected through my life.** May everything I do point others toward You and bring glory to our Father in heaven.

In the mighty name of Yeshua HaMashiach, amen!

YHWH bless you and keep you, Kingdom Family! May Kislev 5787 be a month of divine alignment, renewed dedication, courageous obedience, and the radiant light of Yeshua in every area of your life.

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