Fascination
A Study on the Parables of Matthew 13

THE TREASURE HIDDEN IN A FIELD

THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE
We All Live Together!

We who wrote this paper actually live together like an extended family, sharing all things in common, just as the first disciples did in the first century. The Bible plainly says regarding the first church, “All who believed were together and shared all things in common” (Acts 2:44). It goes on to describe how they were of one heart and soul, and that there was not a needy person among them, for they gave up all their possessions to meet the needs of their spiritual brothers and sisters (Acts 4:32-35). Some people say this was only for back then, but we’ve been living this way for over 40 years. You can come and see for yourself at any of our addresses, which are printed in the back of this paper and on our web site, www.twelvetribes.org.

Living in Households

In each of our communities, there are one or more houses in a cluster, some in cities and some on farms. Several families and single people live together in each house, according to the size of the house. We like large houses because we like to live together. Married couples have their own rooms, plus as many adjacent rooms as needed for their children. The single men share one or more rooms, as do the single women. We all share a common kitchen and dining room, where we take our meals together “with gladness and sincerity of heart.”

Gathering Daily

In at least one house in the cluster we have a large gathering room where we gather together every morning and evening to worship our Creator in song and dance as in Psalm 150, using the prescribed musical instruments that we are learning to build and play. We are all free to speak from our hearts the things we are learning, as our heavenly Father teaches us through one another, according to the gifting and
grace given to each person. As a spiritual priesthood, we pray together for the pressing needs of our people and for our Father’s will to be done on earth.

**Working Together**

After our morning gathering we have breakfast together and then go to work in our various places, doing the deeds prepared for each one of us. We work together in our own cafés, farms, cottage industries, and trades, not as independent contractors or employees of outside companies. All income from our various endeavors goes into a common purse from which all of our needs are met equitably. We don’t have our own independent income or debts to carry by ourselves, except for the debt of love we owe to our Savior, which we repay by loving and caring for one another.

**Raising Our Children**

We love and cherish our children. We teach them at home, using a curriculum we are developing ourselves, to give them the basic skills they need to read, write, and speak effectively, to live together in peace, and to fulfill their created purpose. Our children’s training goes far beyond the classroom, however, as they are fully integrated into every aspect of our socially and spiritually rich tribal life. They learn to cook and sew, build and farm, care for animals, sing and dance, play musical instruments, and most importantly, extend hospitality to the constant flow of guests who are drawn to the light of our life of love.

Together we are experiencing and demonstrating the restoration of all things spoken of by the prophets of old, and by our Master Yahshua, whose life, death, and resurrection make this life possible.  

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1 Acts 2:46  2 1 Corinthians 14:26; 1 Peter 4:11; Romans 12:6  3 Ephesians 2:10  4 Isaiah 49:6; Jeremiah 30:20; 31:1,4,13,14; Malachi 4:5-6  5 Matthew 5:17-19; 17:10-11; 22:37-40; Luke 1:17; 24:44 (Yahshua is the original Hebrew name of the one called Jesus in most English Bible translations; see “The Name Above All Names” on p. 29)
Matthew 13:44-46

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. (Matthew 13:44-46)

Whoever loves his life will lose it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (John 12:25)

The question is, “Does the Good News of the Kingdom impose impossible or intolerable demands on one’s life?” The answer is, of course, yes — if one still loves his self-centered life in this world. But the one who sees it as good news gives up his old, selfish life to receive a new, unselfish life.
The Good News is fascination. The Good News is fascinating. If it were not, who could be saved? It’s like the word gospel or god-spell. Those who are willing to do God’s will are attracted to Yahshua and give up their lives to Him, and all they possess, for the fascinating hope the Gospel presents. The Kingdom of God exerts a fascinating appeal — a fascination that takes the burden away and gives grace for all the difficulties of the narrow way.

In Acts 14:22, it says that Paul “strengthened the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.” That was the Good News of the Kingdom, and they received it as good news. It gave them hope, strengthening and confirming them.

If one understands the parables in Matthew 13:44-46, he will see that after the man found the hidden treasure or the pearl, obeying Luke 14:33 ceased to seem like an irrational, harebrained decision, but one which he gladly and joyously made, even as the faithful men and women in Hebrews 11 and Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-37. The find was so wonderfully and overwhelmingly super-abundant that what he had to give up was nothing in comparison, even as Hebrews 12:2 says: “He endured the cross for the joy set before Him.”

The fascination for what he has found overwhelms him and permeates everything he does from then on. “Rejoicing at his find, he went and sold everything he had.” This is the theme of the two parables — a profound joy. They gladly did what they had to do to gain the object of their fascination, just as normal disciples do in giving up their lives, not only when they find Yahshua, but also in their daily life living together in community. It does not seem to them like a daily grind. Community life is only a torture chamber to those who do not see the treasure as a cause of rejoicing and profound joy.

Being fully absorbed in the task of gaining the treasure made it automatic for both men to sell all their possessions. They had no need to think things over first: “Hmmm... Let me see now... Is it really worth it?”

So, re-read Matthew 13:44-46 and Luke 12:31-33, especially verse 34. Whatever people consider valuable is where their heart’s energy goes. All their time and energy is spent on what is most valuable to them. Knowing the value of the pearl or the hidden treasure causes them to give no consideration to its cost from then on, until the Kingdom comes.1

1 Matthew 6:9-11,33
What does a person seek first? What he values most. And if one is ashamed of Yahshua and His words, then what is it that he values most? What is recorded in Matthew 10:37-38 shows what men commonly love most, and what one must gladly do to gain the hidden treasure. But most do not even see the treasure, for it is hidden from them. John 7:17 tells the reason why the treasure remains hidden from them — their unwillingness to do God’s will.

Matthew 13:44-46 is simple to the one who is willing to do God’s will — the Kingdom of God is of such value that he will give up all he has in order to gain it. This does not mean that he can purchase it with his possessions, but to the contrary, it is something that cannot be compared with the value of his possessions. Overwhelming value is placed on the Kingdom. A person cannot have one without leaving the other behind. The demonstration or the witness of this is what brings the world to its end, and brings the Kingdom of God to earth. Matthew 24:14 is the witness of Matthew 13:44-45. It is people who live their lives to demonstrate and bear witness to the truth of these parables in Mt 13:44-46.

All who are a part of this witness are as the man in Matthew 13:44 — rejoicing over his find, he loses his old life to gain it. Then, in obedience to Luke 9:23, he begins to daily take up his cross and follow Yahshua, His exceedingly great treasure. Anyone who has found Him to be this Pearl gladly gives up his old life, and gladly gives up his life daily in the Body of Messiah. As 2 Corinthians 4:17 says, there is no comparison of the value of the Kingdom versus one’s possessions.

The living, authentic, corporeal demonstration of the Body of Messiah in accessible places (townships) in view of the watching world, as a witness and a foretaste of the coming Kingdom, projects a fascinating appeal to all who are willing to do God’s will. It is so appealing and fascinating that it will not

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2 Luke 14:26; John 12:25; Mark 8:35
3 Hebrews 12:2
4 Matthew 13:14; 15:8
5 Isaiah 52:15; 53:10-11; Daniel 2:44
6 Romans 6:2-5; Matthew 10:38
7 Acts 26:7
8 1 Corinthians 2:9; Mark 10:17-22,23,28-30
be at all difficult to exchange one’s life at the cross, and to live in this kingdom community from now on, enthralled by what he has found.9

The parables of the treasure and of the pearl give us understanding of the full-orbed splendor of the Witness of the Kingdom that is Yahshua’s new family10 — those who do His will, the will of the Father.11 It is only Yahshua’s new family in Mark 3:34-35 who can do the Father’s will. Only when each recipient of the Holy Spirit draws strength from one another can it be done.

This story in Matthew 13:44-46 gives the reason why one would be able to give up everything to follow Him, and it tells why one is able to receive the gift of eternal life, and to live from then on for the sake of Him and His name.12

To live under the demands of the Kingdom does not make those who see the hidden treasure tortured, bitter, or down-trodden. They receive faith and grace to endure to the end13 as they are purified in doing the good works prepared for them.14

They who are able to hear and to see have a profound freedom which is known only to those who are fascinated and captivated by what is truly important and truly valuable. Their burdens become light.15

This is still the cry of the Savior and Redeemer16 — that there would be true disciples who live faithfully and strictly for the One who saved them. Messiah’s yoke replaces the Torah: one must be under Messiah’s yoke to be saved, since the new social order of the Gospel replaces the old

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9 2 Corinthians 5:15
10 Mark 3:35
11 Matthew 7:21
12 Mark 10:29; 8:35
13 Matthew 24:13
14 Ephesians 2:8-10; Revelation 19:8
15 Matthew 11:28-30
16 Ecclesiasticus 51:23-27; 24:22-25
social order of Sinai. His yoke does not oppress. It is not a legal burden. Why? Because Yahshua is gentle and humble of heart, unlike the rulers in Mark 10:42. He is a servant of all. He lives not for Himself, for His power, or His interests, but completely and exclusively for His Father in heaven and for His kingdom.

Mark 8:35 or 10:25 is not a merciless law, but one which is liberating, like a treasure one finds and begins rejoicing that he can now obey the Gospel’s demands with joy. It is a light burden and an easy yoke that enables him to breathe freely, and by this a spiritual nation is founded upon Messiah’s name and His word.\(^\text{17}\)

His commandments are not addressed to isolated individuals but to a community, such as was the result of men and women receiving the Holy Spirit.\(^\text{18}\) Christians do not obey His commandments because they only claim to see and to know Him,\(^\text{19}\) therefore their guilt remains.

The Sermon on the Mount can only be lived out alongside of others who have undertaken the journey together as the people of God. Only then is His burden light. Other burdens were too heavy to carry.\(^\text{20}\) If the law of Messiah is not fulfilled, He died in vain.\(^\text{21}\) Only where the community exists, as in Matthew 16:18 (the community that sticks together at all costs, where everyone helps one another) can the law of Messiah be fulfilled. Otherwise, it’s just the Christian church life, which does not demonstrate the value of the Pearl,\(^\text{22}\) but is only a masquerade.

So the treasure that is hidden is as:

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him” — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. (1 Corinthians 2:9-10)

Yahshua is our exceedingly great reward.\(^\text{23}\) He is beyond all comparison.\(^\text{24}\) But Matthew 13:47-50 also says what the Kingdom of Heaven is like — that there will be many who will be the bad fish who do not see the overwhelming value of salvation as an exceedingly great reward,\(^\text{25}\) beyond all comparison to anything else one could offer.

So, all a man can do is give up all he has — his life, his

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\(^{17}\) 1 John 2:4; 5:2-3; Luke 13:23-24

\(^{18}\) 1 Corinthians 12:13; Acts 2:32-47

\(^{19}\) John 9:41

\(^{20}\) Galatians 6:2

\(^{21}\) Isaiah 53:10-11

\(^{22}\) Ephesians 4:1-6; John 13:35; 17:23

\(^{23}\) Genesis 15:1

\(^{24}\) Romans 8:18-21; 2 Corinthians 4:17; Matthew 13:44-46

\(^{25}\) Galatians 3:29
family, his wife, his children, his house, his farm, and yes, his tractor, also. Then the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation,\textsuperscript{26} from faith to faith and ever increasing.\textsuperscript{27} Matthew 13:44-46 shows us what the Kingdom of God is like, as what must be witnessed if the end of the age is going to come,\textsuperscript{28} and its fruit produced.\textsuperscript{29}

If one finds and properly values the Pearl of Great Price, then he will join himself to those who bear the fruit of the Kingdom as a witness to the world.\textsuperscript{30} He will not have any other thought than to obtain that Pearl and what it yields — the fruit of the Kingdom.

The Gospel is the power of God if it is seen as Good News.

The witness of it in the life of the twelve-tribed nation is the Kingdom. Those who see the Kingdom,\textsuperscript{31} and enter the Kingdom,\textsuperscript{32} are those who produce its fruit by becoming the witness which demonstrates its worth, as each one walks in the works prepared for him and is made ready for Messiah.\textsuperscript{33} That witness is made possible by: Ephesians 4:2-3, John 13:35, John 15:8, John 17:11,23, etc., etc., etc.!

So, the question is whether the Gospel of the Kingdom imposes intolerable demands, or whether the Kingdom compels a fascination which takes away the burden from all that it demands.\textsuperscript{34}

What can make someone hate his life in this world? Expressing that hatred is leaving the world for Messiah’s kingdom. Unless one sees the pearl or finds the hidden treasure, nothing else can enthrall him enough to be converted, born again, transferred out of Satan’s kingdom and into the kingdom of God’s beloved Son.\textsuperscript{35}

If the Good News is not a good spell, if it does not fascinate someone, does not attract, allure, and all the rest of what the word draw means, then there can be no salvation such as Acts 2:38-41. The “many other words” attracted them to do such a radical thing as follows in verses 42-47. Only these kinds of hearers can receive the Holy Spirit, to be entrusted with such a prized gift as the very life of God, becoming one Spirit with Him,\textsuperscript{36} which is no light thing.

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\textsuperscript{26} Romans 1:16-17
\textsuperscript{27} 2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 Corinthians 6:20
\textsuperscript{28} Matthew 24:14
\textsuperscript{29} Matthew 21:43; Daniel 2:44
\textsuperscript{30} Matthew 21:43; 24:14
\textsuperscript{31} John 3:3
\textsuperscript{32} John 3:5
\textsuperscript{33} Colossians 1:10; Ephesians 2:10;
\textsuperscript{34} 2 Timothy 2:12
\textsuperscript{35} Colossians 1:13
\textsuperscript{36} 1 Corinthians 6:17

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The community life is the means by which one is proved or tried. One’s faith is tested to be recognized, to be proven, to be tried as metals are tried by fire. Thus, one is purified, being approved as accepted men and women in the furnace of adversity.  

The only route into the desired haven is through the narrow straits of normal community life. Going through “the narrows” of community life is the only way to the Kingdom. Community life as Acts 4:32-35 is the narrow gate, which is contracted by pressure, which as one endures in love, joy, peace, patience, etc., and self-control makes him into Messiah’s own image.
Something is being degraded in us as generations pass. Our ability to see true value is diminishing. More and more, value is being put on disposable things. Families used to invest in or make things that would last for generations. A wooden crib, hand-carved with love, would be made for the first baby and would last for the grandchildren, and maybe even their children, too.

Now we go to Wal-Mart and buy a cheap particle-board crib that lasts for one or two children, if it doesn’t chip at the corners while you are putting it together. The low price reflects the quality of the product. Things that were once prized become obsolete in a few short years, or break very quickly. We strive for the latest upgrade and newest version. More, more! More for less! More for me!
It’s easy to get rid of the things we no longer value. When there isn’t a cost or a sacrifice made to get it, it doesn’t hurt to lose it. You might not even notice it’s gone. The obsolete printer goes in the garbage with the phone number of the friend I will never talk to again. With the click of a button, the “block” feature works well after a bad breakup.

*There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death. (Proverbs 14:12 NIV)*

There is a way of life being presented to our generation. We’ve seen the flaws of our parents and grandparents, so we’ve gone the opposite direction. We are told to tear down the oppressive paradigm of traditional marriage and find a better, more free way. This free way means we don’t have to be stuck with someone we no longer find interesting. When deep struggles come in our relationships, we can just walk away. No pressure. It’s much easier to turn away than to face the deep hurts we feel and inflict. We don’t have to “stay together for the kids” as our parents did.

So, more and more, children are growing up with single parents, step-parents, weekend visitation, and conflicting standards as they get shuttled between one parent’s house and the other.

Just as death is the separation of spirit and body, there is a death that happens in our relationships. The crack starts small and slowly widens until two people can no longer talk or even be in the same room. Couples, parents and children, or siblings choose to stop speaking to each other rather than face the conflict.

The hassle-free, low-cost, no-commitment way is seeping into our relationships with with our fellow humans. This so-called freedom leads to walking through life empty and alone. Pain always follows.

Where can we learn to take care of our relationships so they last? Is there a way to repair and heal our relationships, or do we have to throw them away and look for something better? What would it be worth to you to live in a place where relationships can be restored instead of disposed of? Is there such a place? How could you find it? What if I told you that I found it!

**I WAS ABOUT THIRTEEN** when I started realizing that I didn’t know why I was alive. I was lost and depressed and didn’t know how I would get through high school. It seemed as if whatever crowd I tried to fit in with, I couldn’t connect.

Why am I alive? Why does war happen? Why did my
parents divorce? Why did my friend commit suicide? The smokers outside didn’t have the answers for me. Neither did the girls in my dance class. Even the youth I went to church with didn’t know or care. They were just as lost as I was.

I needed something of value to invest my life into. I needed to know why I was alive. What hope was there for the future? Was it even possible to have a real relationship?

I went through college because that is what you do, but I wasn’t satisfied to be one of a hundred listening to a lecture. I didn’t see the value of putting on a suit and tie and trying to be someone important.

Then I found the circus, but hanging from a trapeze didn’t fill the emptiness in my soul. That’s okay, though.

Then I met a very alternative man who was asking the same questions I was. I put all my energy into our relationship, desperate for something real. We searched together for the way we could live without compromising. Just as I was starting to see the fragility of our life together, I had something else to turn my attention to... Our baby required all of my time and energy.

FAST FORWARD ONE YEAR. I was not prepared for the sacrifice it takes to maintain a family. Why was it so hard? Why couldn’t we get along? Why couldn’t I learn how to maintain a loving relationship? “God, why am I alive? What am I supposed to teach my son? Help me!”

My cries were heard! A short time later my little family walked through the front door of a big house in a neighborhood I’d never been to. It was like entering an alternate reality. Families were together — husbands and wives and children! Families were living together in this big house, raising their children all together. There were big

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families and new families, youth, and young adults.

Then something happened that I had never experienced before. They invited me to come and spend more time with them. They actually wanted me to come over, not just once, but all the time.

I didn’t even realize it was possible for people to live together and actually love each other. Something deep in my heart was stirred. I was finally seeing something that was not cheap! Finally, something of true value!

Humanity was created to be glorious — families working together, living and loving together for a common purpose. Now, that is valuable! Our Creator created us to be together, each of us a little different, complimentary pieces designed to function as one, each lacking something and each having something another lacks. That is valuable!

I found a place where humanity is being restored. The Messiah Yahshua was the most humane man, a representation of what our Creator was designing. Full of mercy and compassion, He reached out to those wondering what to do with their lives. He invited them to follow Him, to be with Him all the time. He didn’t have cheap, soothing words to offer them, but He taught them, sometimes through difficult circumstances, how to love each other. He gently showed them the ways they were not loving.

There is a cost to the true life found in Messiah. For those who were willing to drop what they were doing — walk away from who they thought they were — He would teach them the most valuable thing: how to love each other.

There is a cheap imitation that doesn’t cost or require anything other than an hour or two a week on Sunday, if you have time. But the true life that comes from following Messiah is not cheap. It is only for those who will pay the cost.

So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. (Luke 14:33)

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. (Matthew 13:45-46)

When I saw a demonstration of love, my eyes were open to see what it was that was missing in my life. I kept visiting, going out on a limb to believe what these people told me. They told me I could come anytime, so I did. I would show up on the front steps in the morning and stay until lunch... then I
Is there a way to repair and heal our relationships, or do we have to throw them away and look for something better? What would it be worth to you to live in a place where relationships can be restored instead of disposed of?

Here, right in front of my eyes, were the answers to the deep questions in my heart. Here was the place I belonged. A place where relationships are the priority. A place where you can actually take care of someone else’s needs and not be left in the dust.

As with anything of true value, the life I found came at a great cost. Those that were there to welcome me had dropped their other dreams and pursuits to make each other their priority. They came from every walk of life. It was not that they were super-human, but what set them apart was the commitment they’d made to be together, to follow the example of Messiah Yahshua and give their lives in exchange for His life that He had given willingly for them.

Before meeting the Community, I had never appreciated the value of commitment in a relationship. I, like many others my age, hadn’t given much thought to the insecurity in a family that comes from the “freedom” to not think about the future. What if you end up not seeing eye-to-eye? What if it turns out that you don’t value the same things?

What would cause people to cheerfully give what they love the most? Most people hang on for dear life to their most valued possession. Only if we come across a more valuable treasure would we give up what we treasure.

What is most precious to you? So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children...
or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time — houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions — and in the age to come, eternal life.”

(Mark 10:29-30)

The most precious thing in my life was my young son. With him I could see how desperately needy I was. I did not have what he needed by myself. What was I supposed to teach him when I was so desperately clueless myself? Without the full-time support and help of my new friends, I didn’t know how to be a wife and mother. I had no clue how to live without thinking about my own interests.

My greatest question had been, “God, Why am I alive? What am I supposed to teach my son?” The answer I found? I am supposed to teach my son what has value.

What is the most valuable thing that I would give up everything for? What could I treasure more than my son, my only child?

The life of Messiah.

I saw the practical cost of the life found in Messiah. This wonderful life that had come forth from people setting aside their selfish pursuits, however noble and just they may have seemed, and gladly receiving direction from others. I knew that all I could do in response was to give up everything.

For those who don’t recognize the Pearl, the demands of the gospel are harsh and unrealistic. My son’s father did not recognize what I saw as a treasure. He was not interested in the life I so deeply desired. There came a point in time where the line was drawn. He wasn’t coming. He made it clear: it was him and our son, or the Community. I moved into the Community, and my son’s father took him away.

In my case, the only way for me to teach my son what is the most valuable treasure was by giving up what I treasured the most — him.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

(John 3:16-17)

Now I am alive to participate in the living demonstration of the love of God. Our lives, poured out on each other, are evidence of the value of the life of Messiah.
Where can Christians look today to see believers living the same way they did in the first church in Acts 2 and 4?

Most scholars treat these verses as a far-off ideal, placing those first disciples up in the heavens where mere mortals like ourselves can never go. Others look down their noses on the simplicity of their common life, calling it primitive, saying the church has evolved past such hare-brained escapades. The alarming thing about either of these responses is that they effectively place the life of the first disciples in the casket of idealism. An ideal is an interesting concept with no reality attached to it, existing in the imagination only.

The holy nation described in 1 Peter 2:9-11 has been reduced to a spiritual concept. But this is not what the Word of God says. In reality, that holy nation was filled with real human beings who were overcoming the sins that have entangled humanity for thousands of years. Those first disciples had a vibrant social life in which each member was vitally connected and cared for. Their life was a
vivid witness of the love of God which had been poured into the hearts of every believer. It is disturbing that this life, so well documented in Acts 2 and 4, is today disregarded and even disqualified.

Anyone can read what the Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Thessalonians:

*For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe. For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea... (1 Thessalonians 2:13-14)*

Obviously, the submissive disciples of Thessalonica had received the true gospel as it had been spoken to them by the apostles, thereby establishing their community according to the same pattern established by their leaders, who were “wise master builders.” They must have been true believers, devoted to the apostles and their teachings, to prayer, and to the breaking of the bread. The Holy Spirit must have been filling their souls, since the pattern of Acts 2 and 4 is unable to be imitated by natural men. It is only the love of God that dictates this pattern of true community. Any attempt by natural men to live this closely together and share their belongings must be enforced by oppressive external compulsion and only results in frustration and alienation.

Why is it that there is no resemblance in the churches of today to the archetype presented in Acts? If it was the God of heaven who designed the original as both architect and builder, then have others built without regard for His blueprints? Did they not realize that “no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Yahshua Messiah”? If the whole building has gone up on a different foundation, because the builders have rejected the chief cornerstone, then there is no way the house can stand.

What calls itself the Church, both today and for the past 1900 years, does not resemble the pattern set forth in the Book of Acts. This record, however, explicitly describes what life in the

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1 Romans 5:5
2 Ephesians 5:21
3 Galatians 1:6-8
4 1 Corinthians 3:10
5 Acts 2:42
6 1 John 3:16
7 archetype — the original pattern, or model, from which all other things of the same kind are made.
8 Hebrews 11:9-10
9 1 Corinthians 3:11
10 Matthew 7:24-27
Body of Messiah was like — the life that came by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. There is no other pattern described in the New Testament for the church’s foundation. The evidence of its existence is found throughout the epistles, yet endless excuses are formulated to explain why it is not that way still.

By ejecting the original pattern of the first church into outer space, or by trampling it underfoot, they sidestep any accountability for not living this way themselves. However, if indeed all true believers are to live as the first disciples, then a sobering question must be asked: “Have they ever truly heard the Gospel?” Christians who dwell in their theological comfort zone of daily devotionals and weekly church services are not willing to ask this question.

By what standard are we to judge salvation — by the Word of God or by something else? Do all who profess to believe realize that being saved from sin includes forsaking the world where sin reigns? Being born again is starting life over after being immersed into a new social and spiritual life in the community where Messiah reigns.

That is why Peter, on the Day of Pentecost, said, “Come out of this evil and perverse generation.” That is why those who believed and received his word responded accordingly. They literally left behind the life they lived in the world. They paid the cost set forth by Messiah in Mark 10:28-30,

Then Peter began to say, “See, we have left all and followed You.” So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly I say to you, there is no one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands for My sake and the gospel’s who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time — houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions — and in the age to come, eternal life…”

This is the only gospel Peter ever knew, as proclaimed to him by the Messiah himself. Did he preach something different from his Teacher when he shared the “many other words” with those in Jerusalem, who were cut to the heart on Pentecost? Or was he being obedient to his calling as an apostle by fulfilling the commission given to him?

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11 Acts 2:42-45; 4:32-37; Acts 8:3; Romans 16:5; 1 Corinthians 16:9; Colossians 4:15; Philemon 1:2
12 Romans 6:12-14
13 John 3:3
14 Acts 2:40
15 Luke 6:40
16 Acts 2:40
17 Matthew 28:18-20
We believe the latter. But eventually the pattern of the Body of Messiah in Acts 2 and 4 was abandoned by those who had left their first love and soiled their garments.\(^\text{18}\) They chose to broaden the narrow way of Matthew 7:13-14. Due to their disobedience, the Holy Spirit was quenched and grieved, and eventually withdrew from their hearts.\(^\text{19}\) Divisions and schisms set in amongst all the churches, which characterize Christianity to this day. Community life began falling apart, for it could not be maintained where love grew cold.\(^\text{20}\)

Tragically, their light went out as they stopped living by revelation from the Holy Spirit.\(^\text{21}\) Instead, they settled for the doctrines and traditions of men by which they beautifully wrapped themselves in a more comfortable lifestyle. Form and ritual filled their gatherings\(^\text{22}\) and the clergy-laity system soon emerged. A new religion was born out of this darkness of separation and unresolved division.

So how does one get back to the foundation and original pattern of the early church? John 12:25-26 is the only way and the only place a person can both follow and serve Him.

\(^\text{18}\) Revelation 2:4-5; 3:3-4
\(^\text{19}\) Revelation 3:20
\(^\text{20}\) Matthew 24:13
\(^\text{21}\) John 14:21
\(^\text{22}\) 2 Timothy 3:5

He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates His life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serve Me, him My Father will honor.

You must hate your life in this world and obey His command to completely surrender all that you possess.\(^\text{23}\) If you desire to serve Yahshua, you must obey Him. Obedience to the Gospel is the only way you can gain eternal life.\(^\text{24}\) All other promises and all other gospels other than the one first spoken by the apostles and Messiah Himself will eventually bring disappointment.\(^\text{25}\)

The rich young ruler\(^\text{26}\) sought eternal life, but in the end he didn’t trust the One who could give it to him. It was soon evident that he loved his own life more than the eternal life he said he wanted. In stark contrast, Peter and the other disciples left behind everything to follow Yahshua.\(^\text{27}\) This was the normal and fitting response from someone who recognized the worth of the Son of God. They revealed His true value by paying the true cost.

\(^\text{23}\) Luke 14:31-33
\(^\text{24}\) Acts 5:32
\(^\text{25}\) Romans 5:5; Matthew 7:21-23
\(^\text{26}\) Mark 8:34-38
\(^\text{27}\) Mark 10:28
The Gospel has to be restored and defined according to the original pattern of the early church. Otherwise, the life of love and unity that sprung forth from the Holy Spirit in the hearts of those first disciples will forever remain an idealistic concept, and its reality will forever be lost. What happened on the Day of Pentecost was a graphic illustration of the outpouring of God’s love in the hearts of those who first believed. It was a demonstration of what happens when the true Gospel is obeyed.

Thus, the church began and the foundation was set. It was no mistake, but was the very intention of the Gospel. It was not merely an ideal — it was real. That realized nation was described in 1 Pet 2:9-10,

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people, but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

We invite you to come and join us in bringing about the cry of Yahshua’s heart, that the Kingdom of God would come to the earth, just as it is in heaven.28 There is actually a place on the earth where you can pour out all your heart, mind, soul, and strength on the God of heaven, and love your neighbor as yourself. *

28 Matthew 6:10

In stark contrast to the rich young ruler, Peter and the other disciples left behind everything to follow Yahshua.
And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days... And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” (Joel 1:17,22)

They were needy. Just because they had walked with the Son of God for three and a half years, it didn’t make them super heroes. They weren’t eight feet tall and bullet proof. It had been ten days since they had stood on the Mount of Olives, when they had watched Yahshua ascend into heaven. And what was His last command to them? Wait.

Wait? Wait for what? He had told them to not leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the power of the Holy Spirit to come upon them. What did that mean? What was it going to be like? What would they do with the Holy Spirit’s power? Of course they knew — it was what he had always put into them over their years as His disciples. They would seek and save the lost, they would feed his sheep, but there was no way they could be the kind of people He needed them to be without His Spirit. They had learned in a deep way that they could do nothing apart from Him. Now they waited eagerly in an upper room in Jerusalem. They could hear the hustle and bustle of people and animals outside in the streets.

The last day they’d spent with Yahshua was crystal clear in all of their minds. There on the mountaintop, a gentle breeze had rustled through the springtime leaves of the olive trees, tinted orange by low-hanging sun. What a special day! He had clearly explained their purpose to them, telling them that once they had His Spirit, they would have the power to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, and even to the end of the earth. Yahshua seemed even more excited than they were — and He was. Finally, they would be equipped to do greater works than He could by himself. With His Spirit in them, they would be able to reach even more people than He could.

There were only about a hundred and twenty of them, but they were disciples with faith. It’s been said that one

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1 Luke 19:10
2 John 21:15-18
3 John 15:5
4 Acts 1:4-8
5 John 14:12
person with faith is worth more than fifteen without. So who was there? Yahshua’s mother, for sure. Martha and Mary, Cleopas, whom Yahshua had spoken with on the way to Emmaus. The eleven apostles, of course: Peter (at this point he’d been really tested), Thomas (who’d doubted, but Yahshua had met him right where he was at), the sons of Zebedee (whose passion and zeal had been tempered by their Master). They were all there — real people, really waiting in that room for something to happen.

It had been seven weeks since Pesach\(^6\) when Yahshua had been arrested, beaten, and crucified. At first they hadn’t been sure what to do. Was it all over? Their Savior had appeared to be defeated, but three days after His death, He had shown Himself to them. It had worked! He had paid the price for their sins. He had shattered the power that death had always held over men’s souls. There was hope for a future. A new government would be coming into power, with Yahshua as king.

He had wanted His followers to understand what was happening. Many times over those seven weeks He had appeared and explained the Scriptures to them, revealing their purpose and giving them specific instructions. It was so encouraging to them. His last words had been to wait in that room until the power of the Holy Spirit would come upon them.

So there they were — needy. The sounds of a multitude resounded through the walls of that upper room. The millions or so of people who had flocked to Jerusalem for Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks,\(^7\) at times seemed to be right outside their house. The small band of disciples looked around the room at one another. It’s hard to imagine what they must have felt in that moment. One thing is for sure: they were so thankful for each other. They were the only ones on the face of the earth who had responded to Yahshua’s words. They totally understood each other. Yahshua’s words had found a place in their hearts.\(^8\) They were fascinated by His words. They had seen the value of the Pearl. They had all left their “nets” to become fishers of men and follow the Son of God. They were so thankful to be allied in the same struggle.

The past ten days had been a deep time of waiting, hoping,

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\(^6\) Pesach is Hebrew for Passover, one of the feast days Israel was commanded to keep in Leviticus 23 and Deuteronomy 16. It was a memorial of the time when the Israelites were delivered from slavery in Egypt. They were commanded to sacrifice a lamb and to put its blood on the doorposts of their house so that the death angel would “pass over” their house and not take the lives of their firstborn.

\(^7\) Shavuot, meaning Weeks (in Hebrew, Pentecost in Greek) is the feast of first fruits, which comes after a 49-day countdown from the first Sabbath after Passover.

\(^8\) John 8:37
praying... Each day they heard the booming voices of the Jews outside counting the days until Shavuot.

“Forty-one!”
The next day, “Forty-two!”
Then, “Forty-three!”
“Forty-four!”
“Forty-five!”
Each day that passed held its own significance. The disciples recalled that usually before an important occasion, the Israelites of old would consecrate themselves. They weren’t so sure about the traditional ritual, but they did know that Yahshua had taught them to make sure they were confessing their sins and forgiving each other. He had taught them to love one another. They knew that their unity was important to Him, so they made every effort to be together.

“Forty-six!”
“Forty-seven!”
“Forty-eight!”
The voices outside grew louder and more intense with each day that passed, as more and more Jews arrived in Jerusalem for Shavuot.

“Forty-nine!”
“What is going to happen?” the disciples wondered.

“Do you think the Holy Spirit is going to come tomorrow?”
“Do you think the Jews will kill us as they did our Master?”
Many questions arose in the minds of the disciples. They strengthened one another not
to give in to fear. “Remember what our Master said, ‘Fear not, little flock, for it is our Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.’”

“Let’s not receive the spirit of fear, but wait for His Spirit to come upon us.”

“Fifty!”
The roaring and rumbling of the crowds grew louder and louder. The disciples were all together in one accord, and all of a sudden a sound came out of heaven like a strong, rushing wind. It filled the whole house where they were sitting. Without hesitation, the 120 disciples poured out of the house as one man. They were really excited and even found themselves speaking in languages they didn’t know, and everyone they spoke to could understand.

The crowds were divided. Some wondered if there was a deep meaning in all of this, while the others mocked them, “They must be drunk on new wine!”

But Peter stood up with the eleven disciples, knowing he had to say something. He uttered a quiet prayer, stepped forward, and raised his voice to the crowds. He assured them that they weren’t drunk, and then he spoke from the book of Joel, saying,

“And it shall come to pass in the last days,” says Yahweh, “that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons

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9 John 17:21-23
10 Luke 12:32
11 Acts 2:6-8
and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days… And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Sovereign shall be saved.”

“Joel? Why is he speaking from Joel?” wondered some of the devout Jews. “What is he saying?” Most of them had grown up hearing the Law and the Prophets read every Sabbath in the synagogue, so the words were familiar. But why the prophet Joel? Some of them knew why. Joel had prophesied doom and desolation upon Israel. He had spoken of swarms of locusts that would devastate their land, their crops, their grain. Then they would have nothing to offer to Yahweh, since the grain offering would be cut off.

But Joel didn’t only preach devastation, but he pointed towards a great restoration. Continuing, Peter explained Yahshua’s crucifixion and how He had risen from the dead. “This Yahshua, God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses…

“Look! This is what God is doing! Look to yourselves. You crucified your Messiah. But here you are, bringing your offering on Shavuot, as you’ve always done. It’s just a ritual. It’s dead religion. God is not in it. Yahshua was the true sacrifice for our sins. Now is the time of restoration.”

Many missed what Peter said that day, but at least three thousand sincere men heard Peter’s message and responded. They were cut to the heart, saying, “What must we do to be saved?”

With many more words, Peter spoke the Gospel to them, just as it had been delivered to him by Yahshua. What were these many other words? Whatever they were, we know the result of hearing them: *all who believed those words devoted themselves to the apostles’ teachings and fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers, and they all lived together and shared everything in common.*

Did the message you heard produce the same fruit? ☁️

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12 Joel 2:28-32

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Peter’s Principle

*John 13:8 — “You shall never wash my feet!”*

Have you ever been in the presence of a great man? You felt as if you never wanted to leave him. You would have followed him home if you thought he would let you. For sure, you would sit at his feet and get him a cup of water, or a plate of food, if he asked for it. You would carry his coat, and make sure he didn’t forget his book.

Your gratitude and admiration for his greatness was unending. You wanted to be just like him. You felt ashamed of the little or big ways that you weren’t just like him. Maybe you could hide them from your friends, but you certainly couldn’t hide them from him. What would he think? Would he disown you?

Yahshua washed all the disciples’ feet. He said that if He didn’t wash their feet, they would have no part in Him. Did he wash their feet because they were lesser than Him? No, He washed their feet so that He could get down to their stinky-feet level. He wanted to give them an example of what to do about each other’s stinky-feet condition.

It wasn’t just their physical condition He was concerned about, but their whole condition — emotional, mental, spiritual, social. Were they kind to their children? Were they kind to their wives? Did they seek one another’s counsel, submitting to one another, surrendering their own thoughts and opinions, and bearing one another’s burdens? Did they care more for one another than for themselves? Would they risk their reputations to help one another? Would they spend all their time and energy building a place where more people like them could come and flourish?
How could they do these things unless they were so close to each other that they could see each other’s everyday reality? And how could they do it unless they bound themselves together in a covenant to never separate from one another? What would sustain them? They would need nothing more than the simple yet all-encompassing love of the One who had truly set them free to care for one another. This kind of love has an intrinsic growth factor. It grows when it is being lavished on others, and it compels those who receive it to do the same.

So, was that all “just for back then”? Could we really achieve that level of care now? Could we actually deal with the stinky-feet condition of mankind? We never could before! So, where is the hope that we actually could now?

We would need a place that is set-apart, a place where families can be built or restored, where children can learn and grow into pure, respectful, loving human beings, where broken people can come and be put back together the right way, with the hope of being an integral, indispensable part of the whole, a place where their love for one another causes all things to become new.

Come and see! Come and become! Come and be! ✨
Like a Beehive

Have you ever watched a beehive? It is fascinating seeing thousands of little bees working together to produce honey. As you go near the hive, you can hear an exciting buzz as they go about the many tasks necessary to keep the hive alive. The workers are responsible to collect nectar and guard the hive. The young bees keep the hive in good condition, feed the larvae, and support in other household chores. There’s never a dull moment in the busy life of a bee.

This is much like the life that we have. No matter what we do, we love to do it together. We gather together morning and evening to thank our Father for His salvation, and to hear Him speak to us through one another. This gathering keeps fresh a genuine love for each other and renews our focus on our purpose. As we work, we take advantage of the daily situations, guarding ourselves from the selfishness and pride that would come in to separate us and take away our love.

Our children are a vital part of our life. We not only educate them, but we work with them to accomplish the simple tasks necessary to maintain a family life. Our life is vibrant and full of purpose and the warmth that comes from the sweet fellowship of friends speaking their hearts to one another. We celebrate the Sabbath every week and keep the festivals given to Israel of old.

But there are a few things that differ in our life from that of a beehive. One is that we are not driven by instinct or controlled by something separate from our own will. We are all here because we chose to leave behind our own independent lives to increase the life of this hive. Our life is not closed in like the hive of a bee, nor do we have stingers to harm uninvited guests. We welcome anyone to experience our life with us.

Please come and see what it is like to be part of a beehive of people expressing the warmth and love of their Creator.
The Name Above All Names

In the days of John the Baptist and the Son of God, the preserved language of the devout Jews was Hebrew. So, when the angel Gabriel brought the good news to the Hebrew virgin, Miriam (or Mary in English), that she would give birth to the Savior of the world, and told her what His name would be, what language do you suppose he spoke? Hebrew, of course! And certainly Miriam and Yoceph (or Joseph in English) named the child just as the angel had commanded them — Yahshua.

In Matthew 1:21, your Bible probably reads, “and you shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.” But the name Jesus is a modern English adaptation of the Greek name, Iesous, which is itself a corruption of the original Hebrew name Yahshua. The name Jesus or Iesous has no meaning of its own, but the Hebrew name Yahshua literally means Yahweh’s Salvation, which makes sense out of what the angel said in Matthew 1:21, “…you shall call His name Yahshua [Yahweh’s Salvation], for He shall save His people from their sins.”

If you look in a pre-1769 edition of the King James Bible, you will find the name Jesus in these two passages:

Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David… (Acts 7:45, KJV, 1611 Edition)

For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. (Hebrews 4:8, KJV, 1611 Edition)

However, if you look in any modern translation of the Bible (including the New King James) you will find that in place of the name Jesus, they use the name Joshua — for in the context it is clear that it is speaking there of Moses’ successor and not the Son of God. But in the Greek manuscript the name in both of these verses is Iesous.
You see, Joshua is the popular English transliteration of Moses’ successor’s Hebrew name, which meant, “He will save.” This name looks forward to the name of the Son of God, for Joshua was the prophetic forerunner of the Messiah, bringing Israel into the Promised Land and leading them to victory over their enemies. But since the translators obviously know this fact, why do they only translate Iesous as Joshua in these two verses, and as Jesus everywhere else?

The NIV New Testament even has a footnote for Matthew 1:21 supporting this fact, saying, “Jesus is the Greek form of Joshua.”

But the fact is, the name of God’s Son was not even written or pronounced as “Jesus” in English until the 1600s, simply because there was no “J” sound or letter in English before then. The modern letter “J” evolved from the letter “I” which began to be written with a “tail” when it appeared as the first letter in a word. So in old English the name now written as Jesus was actually written and pronounced much like the original Greek Iesous. Eventually the hard “J” sound crept into the English language to accompany the different way of writing the initial “I” in the name.

You may also find it interesting that in Acts 26:14-15, it says that the apostle Paul heard the name of the Son of God pronounced “in the Hebrew tongue” by the Son of God Himself. Paul certainly didn’t hear the Greek name Iesous or the English name Jesus, but rather the Hebrew name, the name above all names, Yahshua.3

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1 Yah is the personal name of God, and shua is from a Hebrew root word that means “to save.” God identified Himself to Moses as YAH (meaning “I AM”) in Exodus 3:14, as in Psalm 68:4 (“whose name is Yah”), and as most familiar in the word Halleluylah (“Praise Yah”). And in John 5:43 and 17:11, Yahshua says that He came in His Father’s name, “the name which You have given Me” (NASB), so it is not surprising that the Father’s name would be incorporated into the Son’s name, Yahshua. 2 Compact Edition of the Oxford English Dictionary (Oxford University Press, 1971), pp. 1496,1507 3 Philippians 2:9; Acts 4:12
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