

***[About a half hour in bird pursuit!  
After wetted with vinegar water, flew lower and found door at southwest corner]***

**מתתיהו (Mattityahu) 18:12-13**

***[Last week about offending one of these little ones, and the acts of repentance [MoR] and good works [Little Hearts, Dental Clinic, poverty care at Millennium Center] to cover for offenses to little ones.***

***Who are little ones? New believers, pre-believers.***

***Today, a step further. Proactive. Seek and find the lost little ones who've strayed from offense or their own corruption. Seek and find.]***

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**מִה דְּעַתְּכֶם? אִם יֵשׁ לְאִישׁ מֵאָה כֹּבְשִׁים וְאַבְדַּ אֶחָד מֵהֶם,**

**What's your opinion? What will somebody do who has a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away?**

**lost, stray, wander about, perish, die, cease *avad* אָבַד**

***[Greek scripture, Hebrew thinking.***

***Lost. Remember story Elizabeth Smart? Abducted 14 year old.]***



***Elizabeth Smart, abducted at age 14***

**In the early hours of June 5, 2002, Brian David Mitchell broke into the home and came to the bedroom that Elizabeth shared with her 9-year-old sister, Mary Katherine. While Mary Katherine pretended to be asleep, she watched the abduction.**

***[[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth\\_Smart\\_kidnapping](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth_Smart_kidnapping)***

***Great search for her! Nationwide news.***

***Found 18 months later. She's now a speaker against pornography. Real cause of lostness. More on that later.]***

Yekhezkael/Ezk 34.2-4 Adonai ELOHIM says this: 'Woe to the shepherds of Isra'el... You don't strengthen the weak, heal the sick, bandage the broken, bring back the outcasts or seek the lost;'

*[Meaning of "lost"...]*

Lost:

1. From the health of the Ruakh
2. From the fellowship of the family.
3. From eternal salvation.

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*[Ie, lost due to our own waywardness and inner corruption.*

*Yeshayahu/Isaiah 53.6 We all, like sheep, went astray; we turned, each one, to his own way; yet Adoni laid on him the guilt of all of us.]*

<sup>1</sup> Yn 2.15-16 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, and the boasting of life—is not from the Father but from the world.

*[Three toxicities in all of us, to lure us astray without any external excuses of offence or confusion.]*

Lk 15.11-13 Then *Yeshua* said, "A certain man had two sons, and the younger of them said to the father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that comes to me.' ... "Not many days later, the younger son ... traveled to a far country, and there he squandered his inheritance on wild living."

*[Why did he do it? Internal toxicity, corruption.]*

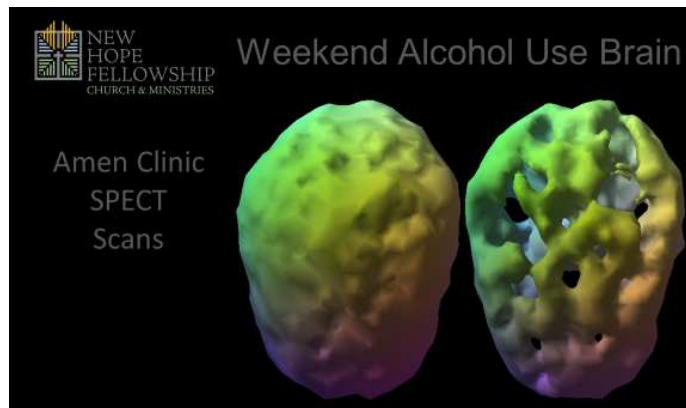
Shaunti Feldhan: It starts young. Yes, I knew men and boys were visual – but I didn't really grasp just *how* visual until my son was thunderstruck by the pictures in the Victoria's Secret shop window at age of 4. "I like those ladies," he

said, in an awed tone of voice, suddenly and completely oblivious to everything else around him. “Their bare tummies make my tummy feel good.” The male brain is the male brain from the earliest age.”

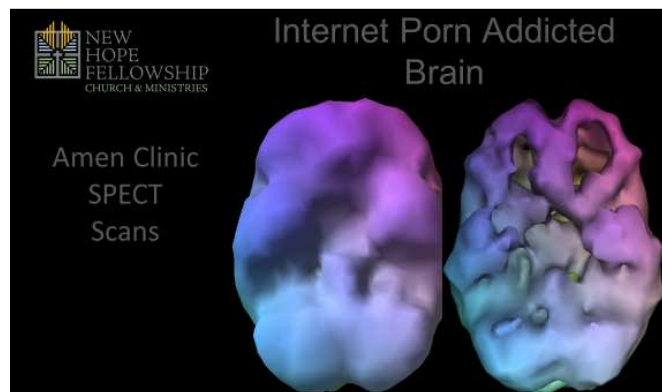
2. It is an almost overwhelming curiosity — and *temptation*. Even the most honorable, godly young men have a deep-down curiosity to see the naked female form. And once they do, they are usually incredibly tempted to do whatever is necessary, to click on whatever link, to investigate whatever source will allow them to see it again.

And again. Last year, I remember a few of my fellow moms being shocked that the eighth grade boys at our Christian school had all listed “pornography” as the primary life temptation they were trying to fight.

[<http://shaunti.com/2017/06/you-need-to-know-these-four-pitfalls-for-teenage-boys/>]



***[This brain is a top down view of a 38 year old with 17 years of weekend alcohol use. The holes you see are not physical holes in the brain. The brain matter is still there. The holes reveal places in the brain where blood is not flowing and are therefore, not functioning. The physical brain structure is there but from a practical standpoint it might as well not be. \*\*\*]***



***[Here is a brain damaged by internet pornography Just like other addictive substances, pornography floods the brain with dopamine. But since the brain gets overwhelmed by the constant overload of chemicals that comes with consistent porn use, it fights back by taking away some of its dopamine receptors As a result, the pornography they were looking at doesn't seem as arousing or exciting, and many pornography users go***

*hunting for more pornography or more hardcore pornography to get the effect the old pornography used to offer.*

*[http://www.upliftfamilies.org/pornography\\_changes\\_the\\_brain](http://www.upliftfamilies.org/pornography_changes_the_brain)]*

When a woman is intimate with a man, oxytocin is released, and this makes her bond to him emotionally. Have you wondered sometimes why a woman will stay with a man who's abusing her? We know now that it's because she bonded to him emotionally because of the oxytocin released during sex.

Men produce vasopressin, which is also referred to as the "monogamy hormone," and it has the same effect as oxytocin has on a woman. It bonds a man to a woman.

*[<http://www.charismamag.com/life/men/17635-how-premarital-sex-rewires-the-brain>*

*Inner corruption fed → LOST]*

Remedy for those lost in the choice to sin:

[No particular intellectual hangup, no particular resentment issues with believers less than exemplary.]

"Repent, and trust Yeshua."

*[Accountability, fellowship, build good habits, discipleship. Overcoming 'lostness.']*

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*[Skipping #2 for today. Overcome by reasoning, logic, revelation. But last is more urgent.*

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*worse to use the wrong map,*

*worse yet to say, "There is no map."]*

Dan Juster, recently: Today's culturally pervasive post-modernism teaches that there is no ultimate narrative to explain existence (meta-narrative) so that on the level of religious truth we have no way to judge one world view over against another.

As such there is an equalization of all religions, and one preference becomes as good as another. Indeed, suggesting that one is superior to another is considered gross prejudice. Of course, this *trivializes claims of religious truth*. Over the decades I have found that if a person can be brought to the place of asking God to reveal the truth, and then orient to study and seek the truth, the person usually becomes a believer in Yeshua.

Our challenge is to orient our young people to be truth seekers and to believe that there is an ultimate Truth. It is also to teach that the loss of seeking the truth and replacing it with the desire to be in the mainstream culture, is actually choosing self-centeredness above living by the Truth.

*[<http://www.tikkuninternational.org/newsletters/dj-jun17.php>]*



*[Josh McDowell: for us, our YP, children, grandchildren. One thing to be off the path on the map, worse to use the wrong map, worse yet to say, "There is no map."]*

*<https://www.josh.org/even-possible-know-truth/>*

Some people, however, say "There is no truth." The problem with this phrase is that it's self-contradictory. The sentence refutes itself through its very existence. The statement "there is no truth" is a truth claim about at least one thing—namely that "there is no truth."

"We cannot be sure about anything" is another sentence that refutes itself, as does "Never say the word 'never.'" Thus, the most important question becomes not if we can know truth, but what *is* truth?

God is not only our standard of moral truth, but he has gone to extraordinary lengths to form a relationship with us. And relationship is key in knowing and living the truth.

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*Remedy to lostness of "no map"?)*

**Yn 8. 31-32** So Yeshua said to the Judeans who had trusted him, "If you obey what I say, then you are really my talmidim, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

*[So, key is relationship...LIFE. On tour, visited an olive press/factory.]*

**Ro 11.17-18** A wild olive — were grafted in among them and have become equal sharers in the rich root of the olive tree...you are not supporting the root, the root is supporting you.

*[We visited an olive press, olive oil factory. Questioned about grafting...olive branches never die. Story of stump for decoration in yard. If other fruit grafted in, has DNA of apple, pear, peach, etc. Still produce the same. BUT, different xylem...minerals, osmotic flow, different flavor!! Chinese, Polynesian, Hispanic, Slavic...keep the same identity, yet the LIFE is different!]*

**Ro.6.3-4** Those of us who have been immersed into the Messiah Yeshua have been immersed into his death? Through immersion into his death we were buried with him; so that just as, through the glory of the Father, the Messiah was raised from the dead, likewise we too might live a new life.

*[LIFE in Messiah is what it's all about, so as not to be lost, in any of the three forms: off the path, wrong map, no map.]*

Water immersion is a Torah practice expanded by Yokhanan/ John to be for a new life of repentance and faith and relationship.

Jewish immersion = T'vilah

- Immerse yourself
- Three times

*[Torah for many reasons, ritual uncleanness by touching a corpse, having a sore, monthly cycle*

*Running water, total contact with water.*

*We'll have Aug 21 time in park near lake. Can do immersion. If you have new life in Messiah, or new expression by uniting with us as a Messianic community, my consider immersion.*

*Scripture and ancient pattern: three times, blessing each, immerse yourself [I just provide handhold so as not to lose anyone in the current.]*

*Expression of no more lost.]*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל הַטְּבִילָה

*Ba-rookh A-tah A-do-ni,*

*E-lo-hay-noo me-lekh ha-o-lam, a-sher keed-sha-noo b'mitz-vo-tav,  
v'tsee-va-noo al ha-t'vee-lah.*

Blessed are You, Adoni our G-d,  
King of the Universe,

Who sanctifies us with His commandments,  
and has commanded us concerning the immersion.

אֲנִי מֵאֲמִין בָּאֵב, וּבְבֵן, וּבְרוּחַ הַקֹּדֶשׁ

*Anee ma-a-meen b'av, oo-veh-bayn, oov-roo-akh ha-ko-desh*  
I believe in the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

#### 4. A brief exclamation of testimony and praise.



*[Immersion site in Yarden/Jordan. Just at outlet from Yam Kinneret/ Sea of Galil. Not where Yeshua immersed. That downstream, near Dead Sea, and PA untreated sewage has made it bio hazardous.]*



*[Little nibble fish bite your legs]*



**Ro 8.5** For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will also be united with him in a resurrection like his.  
*[One more point to expound this passage.]*

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What has Or HaOlam done to find and save the lost?

Prayer station



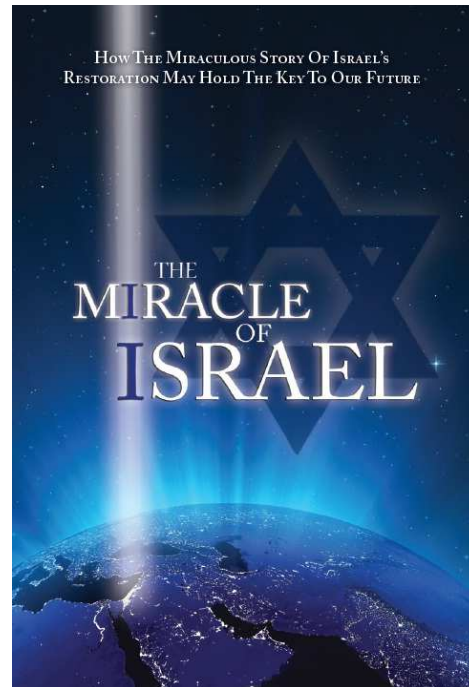
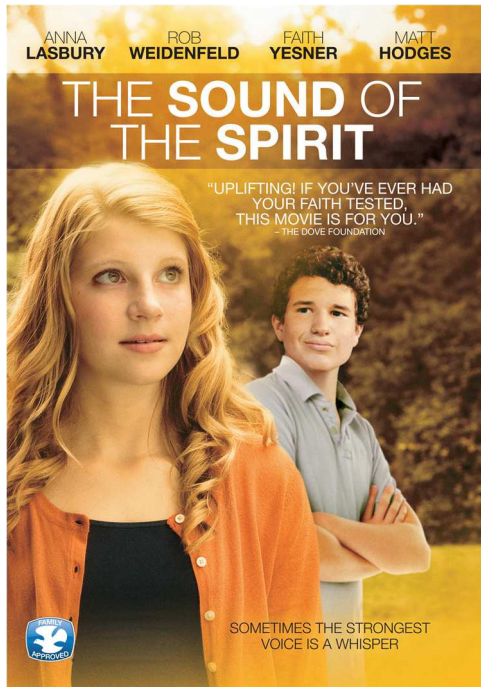
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*[Messianic version of Nicky Gumble's Alpha. Huge undertaking with the Russian Jewish community. Jim and Cathy Adler and all four of their children leading. About 8 salvations!]*



## Movies



Literature distribution

Mailings

Passover outreach

JB coming

*[Prepare your heart for seeking the lost, bigger than ever with JB.]*

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*[Pray to commit to seeking the lost.*

*Also, if you are lost, in porn, offense, denying the truth...pray.]*