

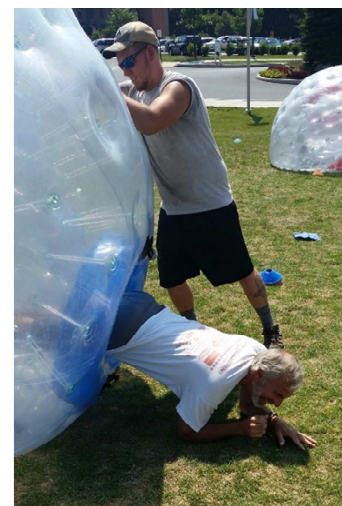


During totality, the eclipsed sun is no brighter than the full moon, and it is an experience you simply will not believe. But please, do NOT look at the sun when ANY PART of it is still bright (not covered by the moon), or it will be the last thing you ever see.



Or HaOlam has 40 of these for free.

**Messiah Conference Recap**  
*[Photos taken by Chris Sack]*



Mattityahu (Matthew) 19:13-15

Mattityahu (Matthew) 19:13

אָז הֵבִיאוּ אֵלָיו יְלָדִים כְּדִי שְׂיִסְמַךְ יָדָיו עֲלֵיהֶם וַיִּתְפַּלֵּל בְּעֵדָם.

Then children were brought to him so that he might lay his hands on them and pray for them,

*[Ancient practice of blessing children. From the time of Yosef and Yaakov/Joseph and Jacob.]*

Beresheet/Gen 48.11,14 Isra'el said to Yosef, "I never expected to see even you again, but God has allowed me to see your children too!"...Isra'el put out his right hand and laid it on the head of the younger one, Efrayim, and put his left hand on the head of M'nasheh.

*[Complexities in the text about age of M'nasheh and Efrayim, but point is appears common custom.*

*Also in dealing with sickness, in the Septuagint translation/paraphrase...]*

<sup>2 K 5.11 LXX</sup> And Naiman was angry, and departed, and said, Behold, I said, He will by all means come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of his God, and lay his hand upon the place, and recover the leper.

*[But there was also a sense that followers would protect the leader from having his attention diverted...]*

<sup>2 K 4.27</sup> But when she [the bereaved mother] reached the man of God on the hill, she grabbed his feet. Geichazi came up to push her away.

*[Children were low status dependents, had to trust adults and receive what they provided, and not interrupt leaders.*

*Greek Roman and most other cultures were MUCH worse when it came to children.]*

### Greco-Roman Exposure of Infants

- Exposure [abandonment to die] allowed poor people to get rid of extra mouths to feed, especially the mouths of baby girls who were also a dowry liability.
- Children who were imperfect in some way were also exposed
- Exposure was also used to get rid of children whose paternity was unclear or undesirable
- The *paterfamilias* technically had the right to get rid of any infant under his power.

*[<https://www.thoughtco.com/roman-exposure-of-infants-118370>]*

Mattityahu (Matthew) 19:13

אָלָא שְׁהִתְלַמְּדִים גְּעָרוּ בָהֶם.

but the talmidim rebuked the people bringing them.

*[Similarly in Yericho with blind men, equally powerless ~ children]*

Mtt. 20.29-31 As they were leaving Yericho, a large crowd followed Yeshua. Two blind men sitting by the side of the road heard that he was passing by and shouted,

“Son of David! Have pity on us!” The crowd scolded them and told them to be quiet.

Didn't get it that Messiah's kingdom is really about caring for the weakest, rather than political triumphalism.

*[So, no politics?*

*...there is a place, but it's not the main thing.]*

Mattityahu (Matthew) 19:14

אָדָּן יִשׁוּעַ אָמַר: "הַנִּיחוּ לַיְלָדִים לָבוֹא אֵלַי וְאֵל תִּמְנְעוּן בְּעַדָּם, כִּי לְכֹאֲלָהּ מַלְכוּת הַשָּׁמַיִם."

However, Yeshua said, "Let the children come to me, don't stop them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."

Mattityahu (Matthew) 19:15

הוּא הָיָה יוֹדֵי עֲלֵיהֶם וְאַחֲרַי כִּן הִלְךְ מִשָּׁם.

Then, after laying his hands on them, he went on his way.

*[That's why I have Mr. Mouth, Senior Boca, מר פה, and High Five the kids in the Torah procession.]*

How do we

- Bless children? More importantly:
- Communicate Yeshua's blessing on children?

Particularly in a world culture that is antithetical to Biblical blessing.

*[So our children grow up feeling blessed, special, valuable, significant, safe. Do kids even want to be blessed, live in blessing?]*

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*[<http://www.faithtoday.com/edstetzer/2016/october/growing-young.html>*

*True in Judaism and Messianic Judaism.*

*Moreover, what is the politically correct, norm of blessing now in the popular culture?]*

The Church of England is "Considering Special Services To Celebrate Gender Reassignment."

"Reform Judaism now has a series of blessings to be recited over sex-change surgery, part of the revised, 500-page manual, *Kulanu* כולנו [meaning, 'All of us'].

The new prayer books released by gay synagogues in San Francisco and New York...contain a blessing for 'unexpected intimacy,' meant to be recited 'after engaging in anonymous sex,' though those involved in the project say it could also be said for other meaningful encounters with strangers.'

*[[https://www.onenewsnow.com/perspectives/michael-brown/2017/07/11/when-the-congregation-celebrates-sex-change-surgery?utm\\_source=OneNewsNow&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=16787679&utm\\_content=323193037843968512&utm\\_campaign=30216](https://www.onenewsnow.com/perspectives/michael-brown/2017/07/11/when-the-congregation-celebrates-sex-change-surgery?utm_source=OneNewsNow&utm_medium=email&utm_term=16787679&utm_content=323193037843968512&utm_campaign=30216)*

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*[In what could be the first such case in the world, Canadian officials have issued a baby named Searyl Alti a health card without a gender marker.*

*Kori Doty, a nonbinary transgender person who identifies as neither male nor female, gave birth to Searyl in November and has been battling to keep the eight-month-old's gender off all British Columbia government records ever since.*

*I assume that Searyl is with the father. It doesn't identify the man. But, he appears to be a doting, loving father. Very important and commendable.]*



*[The health card has a "U" in the space for "sex", which could stand for "unassigned" or "undetermined." However, British Columbia, Canada, officials refused to issue a birth certificate without a gender.]*

How do we respond? How do we bring children to live in blessing?

- Indignation & Protest?
- Legislation?
- Intercession
- Example: key in my own life

*[In my youth, I saw no healthy marriages. Not my parents, uncles, aunts, friends' parents, schoolmates families. No desire to get into a binding marriage. No confidence in my own identity.*

*What transformed me was seeing healthy families, marriages, parent / child relationships. First ones I'd ever seen were believer families. Invited to a Sunday dinner, and felt a different dynamic husband and wife, children and parents. Changed my perception of family.]*

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Dance call for "manly men" sort of joking. Sort of. Real men are

- Worshipers
- Joyful
- Enter camaraderie: mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together.
- serve, give, bless.

*[Exemplify real manliness.*

*You can stay in your seat and be manly.*

*"I'm too discouraged to bless."*

*What does scripture say is manliness?]*

<sup>1</sup> Tim 3.2-4 A...leader must be above reproach, he must be faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, orderly, hospitable and able to teach. He must not drink excessively or get into fights, rather, he must be kind and gentle. He must not be a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, having children who obey him with all proper respect.

*[John Eldredge has some great insights in this.]*



*Every man is haunted by the question, "Do I have what it takes?"*

Every man feels that the world is asking him to be something he doubts very much he has it in him to be.

*[Say "Every" guaranteed arguments. General pattern.]*

That's why a man's greatest fear is exposure—to be found out as a poser, an imposter, and not really a man.

Our search for validation begins with our fathers; a boy is meant to learn the answer to his core question from his dad and from the key men in his life. And here is where tragedy strikes. "Do I have what it takes?" Too often, the response back is silence, *[Non communicative father]* "I don't know...I doubt it...you'll have to find out for yourself...probably not." In the case of violent fathers, the question is answered in a devastating way: "No. You are a failure, a \_\_ idiot." It gets worse from there.

Despite a man's past and the failures of his own father to initiate him, God—as our Father—is fiercely committed to us, to the restoration and release of our masculine hearts. He wants to answer your Question.

**John Eldredge: Core Passions.**

**A battle to fight.**

**An adventure to live.**

**A beauty to rescue.**

**This is what we need to communicate for our sons to live in blessing.**

*[<https://www.ransomedheart.com/story/real-men/your-core-passions>*

***G-d wants to bring healing to the heart of every man, every boy, every young man/teen. But, He uses us. Consider how after consider women.]***

<sup>1</sup> Kefa/Peter 3.1-6 **Likewise, wives, be submitted to your own husbands so that—even if some do not obey the message—by the wives’ conduct, without a word they may be won over as they observe your pure, reverent conduct.**

<sup>1</sup> Kefa/Peter 3.1-6 **Don’t let your beauty be external [SW interp. only] —braiding the hair and wearing gold jewelry or fine clothes. Instead let it be [SW interp. primarily] in the hidden person of the heart, with the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious. For this is the way the holy women, who put their hope in God, used to beautify themselves long ago—being submitted to their own husbands just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord.**



**Stasi Eldredge**

***Every woman is haunted by the question, “Do you delight in me? Will I be chosen, wanted, seen, fought for?”***  
***[Again “Every”]***

**Our search for delight began with our fathers; a girl is meant to learn the answer to her core question from daddy. While she learns the nature of femininity from mom, she learns whether or not it is *valued* from dad. And here is where tragedy strikes. “Do you delight in me?” Too often the response is silence, scorn, or contempt: “Not really...only if you perform...you are actually a disappointment to me.” In the case of abusive fathers, our question is answered in a devastating way.**

**Stasi Eldredge: Core Passions**

**To be romanced.**

**An irreplaceable role to play.**

**Beauty all your own to unveil.**

**Eshet Kheyil אשת חיל Warrior Woman Wonder Woman**

**Communicate for our daughters to live in blessing!**

**And so the recovery of a woman’s heart begins with coming to see the way in which your deepest question got answered, how your father and the men in your life handled your heart, and how all that has shaped you into the woman you have become.**

**More importantly, it comes with the healing of the wounds that brought those answers and finding a new source of love and delight from your true Father. He says to us, *You are lovely. Do not hide your face from me. Come to me. I love you. Let me heal you.***

**You are seen. You are loved. You have been chosen by the Greatest Heart in the universe. And He would love to answer your deepest question.**

*[<https://www.ransomedheart.com/story/captivating-women/your-deepest-question>*

***Primarily by the heavenly Bridegroom, but not only by him.]***

How do we respond to the pressures of the culture, and give children a blessed identity?

*[Repeat stats:]*

Congregational attendance is declining overall. Further, 18 to 29-year-olds make up nearly 20 percent of the U.S. population but only 10 percent of congregational attenders. Taken together, this can seem like a pretty bleak forecast.

To our delight, the 250 growing young congregations nominated by denominational leaders, seminaries, and other national leaders showed great diversity in every category we analyzed. In size, they ranged from 100 to over 10,000. In age, there were some less than five years old and others more than 100 years old.

Ethnically, nearly half were not predominantly white. Theologically, these congregations showed a great variety of denomination, or sometimes lack thereof. Our data confirms that God is working—and can work—through congregations of all types.

Some of the biggest surprises were what we *didn't find* in those six core commitments. It turns out that reaching young people is not primarily done through a specific worship style. Or a great facility. Or a big budget. Or designing super-entertaining ministry programs. One of the core commitments of congregations doing well with young people is that they excel at empathizing with them.

Anecdotal illustration: *[A story is better than statistical results]*

During our study, we met Ariana, a seventeen-year-old who had given up hope that her family could provide her with the sense of belonging she craved. The ongoing conflict between her divorced mom and dad consumed so much of their emotional energy that they had little left over for Ariana.

But through her congregation, Ariana came face-to-face with empathy in a human form. When Denise, who was a single mom, heard that Ariana had a weekend cheerleading competition and no parent would be attending, she came and sat in the stands.

Ariana was so touched that she began texting prayer requests to Denise. The two started sharing meals together.

When Ariana's mom was unable to help her prepare for senior prom, Denise stepped in.

She helped Ariana select a gown and came to her apartment that night to get ready for the big dance.

So: Challenge to YOU, each of us...?

Pray about a young person to befriend, WITH parental permission.

*[Don't criticize the younger ones, unless first befriend.]*

Of the almost 1,300 interviews we conducted, one of our favorites was with a young adult who was asked to define her faith. She asked the interviewer if instead of talking about faith, she could talk about who Yeshua is and what Yeshua means to her. Thanks to her congregation's teaching, she was able to zero in on what ultimately separates our faith from all others: the life, death, and resurrection of Yeshua the Messiah.

These congregations are ruthless about focusing on Yeshua. They realize that faith can be awkward and sometimes confusing, but Yeshua is always magnetic. [\[http://www.faithtoday.com/edstetzer/2016/october/growing-young.html\]](http://www.faithtoday.com/edstetzer/2016/october/growing-young.html)



We all know what's required to fall in love. A pulse. Falling in love is easy. But staying there? That's something else entirely. With more than 1,500 matchmaker organizations in the United States, finding someone is easier than ever, but staying together seems to get more difficult every day. So, is it possible for two people to fall in love and actually stay there? Absolutely! We invite you to join us for this new series with Teaching Pastor, Andy Stanley, and together we will learn how.

*[This one is already in the possession of one of our families, James and Jeanaya, so we'll start with this before Jimmy Evans. Envision younger and older couples]*

Pass sign up sheet. Young couples AND older, mature, more stable couples together!

Challenges, and unexpected opportunities.

Stewart here Aug 12: opportunity in Himilayas, in E. Europe Camp Chalutzim. Impact of Messianics



The Messianic Jewish Alliance of America is mentioned in the movie "Norman" Context: The new Israeli Prime Minister and Norman are being introducing to 500 of the most powerful Jewish organizations in US, MJAA is one for them,



(Richard Gere and Lior Ashkenazi in the movie) Prophetic & Amazing!! A bit garbled at first.



*[<https://www.facebook.com/joel.chernoff.9/videos/10155549071197241/>]*

Summary to bring blessing to younger generation:

1. Pick one in the Ruakh for YOU to befriend, with parents OK.
2. Communicate Eldredge.
3. Present challenge and opportunity to be significant!

*[Most of you know how I poo pood, belittled the Blood Moon event. However, there is one coming that is more interesting. I DON'T know what it means, but it could mean something eschatological, end times. Get ready. Sept 23, the day after Rosh HaShannah...Shabbat Shuva, in the 10 Days of Awe...]*

Rev 12

*[<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXNojarrHYk&sns=em>]*