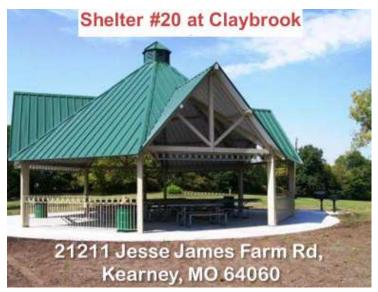


[Penumbra → partial eclipse umbra = totality, small shadow Every 400 years given location]



[Can have an Or HaOlam Picnic: frisbee, etc. Need meal coordinator, game coordinator.]

- 9 picnic tables
- 1 large grill and 2 small grills
- 20 amp service
- Water hydrant 25 yards from shelter
- Restroom with flush toilets 120 yards from shelter.
- Close to Jesse James Farm Museum

[Time for a picnic. Haven't done one for several years. And an immersion service, if you've never expressed your faith in "T'vilah".]

Mattityahu ากวุฦกุฎ (Matthew) 18:5-7

## Last week

- become childlike → exchanging joy smiles and dopamine brain release 6x / sec
- Kindness elicits joy smiles!
- Omer counting time fasting from unkindness

Mattityahu (Matthew) 18:5

בַּל הַמְקבֶּל יֵלֶד אֲחַד בַּוֶה בִּשְׁמִי, אוֹתִי הוּא מְקבֵּל.יי

Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me;

[Why "Such a child?"

A child of joy, of integrity, of trust in people → dopamine release

Physical child or spiritual child, His followers.

Children are messy, disorganized, immature.

In My Name, for my sake. [Not pronunciation], My redemptive spirit.

Repeat: Children are messy, disorganized, immature. Believers are messy, imperfect.

Messianics are messy. Mike Bickle says of prayer movement, "Building a ship at sea." We are building a plane in the air! Under fire! Lots of sources opposition, disagreement, divergence!]

Ro 15.7 NIV **Accept** one another, then, just as **Messiah** accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Therefore receive one another, just as Messiah also received us, to the glory of God.

[In essentials unity, in all else charity. Read our statement of faith for essentials. Membership class soon.

Supportive eye >> critical eye.

Yeshua comes to us in the persons of the needy. "Wear me out." Limits OK. But attitude.]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 18:6

ייאַדְ כַּל **הַמַּבְשִׁיל** אֶחָד מִן הַקָּטַנִּים הַאֵּלֶה הַמַּאַמִינִים בִּי

and whoever ensnares one of these little ones who trust me

Hebrew: תואר מכשיל *makhshil* 

hindering, obstructive, causing failure

4624 [e]

skandalisē

σκανδαλίση

## shall cause to stumble

[Yeshua described, few chapters previous, those who fall away...]

Matityahu 13.20-21 The seed sown on rocky ground is like a person who hears the message and accepts it with joy at once, but has no root in himself. So he stays on for a while; but as soon as some trouble or persecution arises on account of the message, he immediately falls away.

But, what about the troubler, persecutor? Accountable?

Mishlei/Prov 28.10 Whoever causes the honest to pursue evil ways will himself fall into his own pit, but the pure-hearted will inherit good.

[Severe repercussions for undermining faith & walk of another.]

Matityahu 13.41 The Son of Man will send forth his angels, and they will collect out of his Kingdom all the things that cause people to sin and all the people who are far from Torah;

Matityahu 16.23 But Yeshua turned his back on Kefa, saying, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because your thinking is from a human perspective, not from God's perspective!"

[Considered Kefa = Satan since didn't grasp big picture!]

Vayikra 19.14 Do not speak a curse against a deaf person or place an obstacle in the way of a blind person; rather, fear your God; I am Adoni.

[G-d requires GREAT care regarding those who could fall, physically or spiritually!]

Yekhez/Ezek 14.1-3 Then certain of Isra'el's leaders came to me; and while they were sitting with me, the word of Adoni came to me: "Human being, these men have taken their idols into their hearts, thus setting in front of themselves the stumblingblock that leads to sin. Should I let them consult me at all?

Yekhez/Ezek 18.30 Therefore, house of Isra'el, I will judge each of you according to his ways," says Adoni Elohim. "Repent, and turn yourselves away from all your transgressions, so that they will not be a stumblingblock that brings guilt upon you.

[So, there is severe accounting for hindering others.]



Welcome to Korma Sutra :: Indian Dining & Catering



[I love Indian food. Love this restaurant. But I inquired once about their meats. Indians and Pakistanis not religiously compatible: Hindu and Muslim. But food is different. Halal meat.]

What if a restaurant has halal food?

In Sunni Islam, animals slaughtered by Christians or Jews is halal only if the slaughter is carried out by using a well-sharpened knife to make a swift, deep incision that cuts the front of the throat [Similar to kosher slaughter, quick > exsanguination], and the slaughter is carried out following the name of God (indicating that you are grateful for God's blessings), unless explicitly prohibited, like pork. The requirement to invoke Allah's name is a must.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halal

So, what do you do with such food?]

<sup>1 Cor 8.4, 7-9</sup> So, as for eating food sacrificed to idols, we "know" that, as you say, "An idol has no real existence in the world, and there is only one God."...But not everyone has this knowledge. Moreover, some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat food which has been sacrificed to them, they think of it as really affected by the idol; and their consciences, being weak, are thus defiled. Now food will not improve our relationship with God — we will be neither poorer if we abstain nor richer if we eat. However watch out that your mastery of the situation does not become a stumbling block to the weak.

[Here is the key issue, and how it relates to the theme of the message.]

NIV 1 Cor 8.13 Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

[This idea of offending a weak brother or sister has been misunderstood. If someone does something that seems inconsistent, less than righteous, out of sync, that is a grief, annoyance, irritation. Not an offence unless it weakens your faith.

This issue is relative to new and weak believers, or pre-believers. Help the weak. Not collect conformity.]

 $^{\rm Ro\,15.7\,NIV}$  Accept one another, then, just as Messiah accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

NKJV Therefore receive one another, just as Messiah also received us, to the glory of God.

[It's all about attitude. You may have to speak to someone in love.]

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Image!!

[The four capital punishments inflicted by the Jews were stoning, burning, slaving with the sword, and strangling. Misn. Sanhedrim. c. 7. sect. 1]

This describes a Roman form of execution MORE horrific than crucifixion! Not unique in history to the Romans.

Cement shoes or Chicago overcoat is a [largely fictional] method of execution and/or body disposal, usually associated with criminals such as the Mafia or gangs. It involves weighting down the victim, who may be dead or alive, with concrete and throwing them into the water in the hope the body will never be found. In the US, the term has become tongue-in-cheek for a threat of death by criminals.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cement\_shoes]



In three different locations in Florida two fat men wearing cement shoes can be seen underwater. The men are stripped of their clothes, except for their underwear...They have their feet inside of dried cement and have been dumped into the ocean, which was a notorious method of torturing and killing people that the Mafia used in the 80s.

During one movie, a person mentions that the Forelli Family are coming to fit him with some cement shoes.

[http://gta-myths.wikia.com/wiki/Cement\_Shoe\_Men]



[http://gta-myths.wikia.com/wiki/Cement\_Shoe\_Men?file=-VICE\_CITY-\_Approaching\_the\_drown\_guy\_with\_cement\_shoes

These are apparently mockups, commemorating FL Mafia history]

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[Severe consequences to those who undermine faith or walk of another!]

How to cause little ones to stumble?

- physically little
- or spiritually little "believe on me"

[Kindness Challenge p 1, 11]

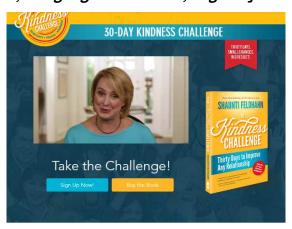
Eph 4.28-32 The thief must stop stealing; instead, he should make an honest living by his own efforts. This way he will be able to share with those in need. Let no harmful language come from your mouth, only good words that are helpful in meeting the need, words that will benefit those who hear them. Don't cause grief to God's Ruakh HaKodesh, for he has stamped you as his property until the day of final redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, violent assertiveness and slander, along with all spitefulness. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted; and forgive each other, just as in the Messiah God has also forgiven you.

Unkindness is the khamsin of relationships, the east wind of death, abetting [not causing] depression, anger, withdrawal.

[We cause our own sins and misery, but we get help in the downward spiral! During Omer count, s'firah, reverse the khamsin of death by <u>fasting from</u> unkindness.]

A S'firah/ Omer counting time 30+ day fast from unkindness.

["You preached on this last week." Only 50% constituency any service. And this one is a marriage saver, congregation unifier, urgent.]



[http://www.jointhekindnesschallenge.com/

Here is the summary. Pick a target person. Maybe a spouse, congregant, neighbor, co-worker, son/daughter, parent, etc.]

- 1. Say nothing negative/negatively about your person—either to them or about them to somebody else. (If you must provide honest, negative feedback to or about a colleague or child for vital reasons, be constructive, helpful and encouraging, without a negative tone.)
- 2. Every day (or as often as possible), find one thing positive that you can sincerely praise or affirm about your person and tell them, and tell someone else. (i.e. Tell your mother-in-law, "Thanks for being willing to watch the kids last night while we were at that meeting," and then tell your husband the same thing. *Without* bringing up that she let the kids stay up way too late *again*.)
- 3. Every day (or as often as possible), do one small act of kindness or generosity for your person.

[Shaunti Feldhahn: Kindness Challenge]

Is this really that important?



Israeli Coffee Shop Grants Discount For Being Polite: In Israel, being polite to your barista might not only earn you a smile - it could also save you money. Café Café, one of the country's largest coffeehouse chains, is now offering a 25 percent discount to customers at its 157 branches who say "please" and "thank you" when ordering a regular size cup of coffee, Globes reported on 3 May 2017. A cup of coffee will cost well-behaved patrons only 6 shekels, or \$1.66, rather than 8 shekels, or \$2.20.)

Café Café CEO Noam Zimerman told Globes that he hopes the initiative will "encourage more respectful conversation in Israel society." He also expects it will benefit his company financially:

The chain saw a 30 to 40% increase in new customers when the price of a cup of coffee was slashed to 8 shekels several years ago from 11 or 12. Zimerman anticipates a similar increase this time. (INN Barry & Batya Segal)

[According to RTF, Restoring the Foundations, which we did a few years ago with Ira and Gloria Brawer: Abandonment is the key to all emotional damage. Underlying unkindness is abandonment RTF p 26]

## What causes abandonment issues?

The issues that cause a person to have abandonment fears run the gamut however, a few of the major reasons can include but are not limited to:

• If your parents divorced

- If you were adopted [regardless of the kindness of the adoptive parents]
- Alcoholic parents
- If you lost a parent or sibling
- Abuse during your childhood
- Emotionally unavailable caretakers
- Narcissistic caretakers
- History of low self-esteem
- Verbal abuse by ex, by anyone

[http://www.couplescounselingchicago.net/7-signs-you-have-abandonment-issues-you-cantignore/]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 18:7 **אוֹי** לָעוֹלָם מָן הַמָּכְשׁוֹלִים, כִּי מָן הַהֶּכְרֵחַ שֶּׁיָבוֹאוּ מִכְשׁוֹלִים, אֲבָל **אוֹי** לָאִישׁ שֵׁהַמִּכְשׁוֹל יָבוֹא דַּרְכּוֹ.

Oy to the world because of snares! For there must be snares, but oy to the person who sets the snare!



[Repent in general.]