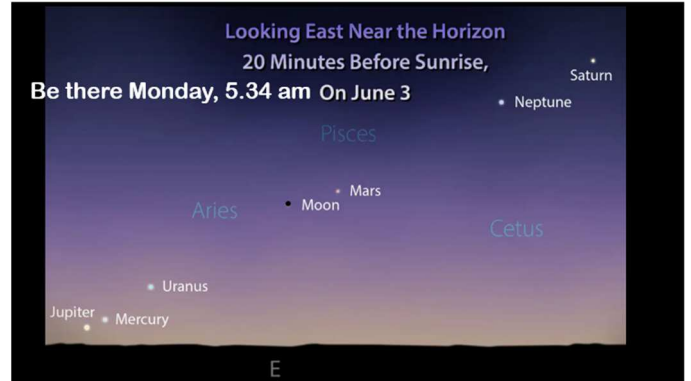


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A husband a wife were examining a beautiful ocean scape when suddenly he was hit with a pigeon dropping.
She said, "Don't worry, I'll get some toilet paper."
He said, "Don't worry. By the time you get back the pigeon will be long gone."

[Original watercolor art, "Little Surfer Gulls," by Rukhel Wisoff-Fields]



On June 3, just 20 minutes before sunrise, your local time, the scene will have already risen above the horizon. For those in the Northern Hemisphere looking east, starting with Jupiter popping just over the horizon.
[NASA has since send a disclaimer that the view will NOT be very dramatic.]



In 2023 we took in \$699 & paid \$2k- supplement \$1,301
This year we took in \$317.50.
It was amazing that we got anything as it was about 12.30 and a bit chaotic. You folks are always so gracious. At the close of the message, we'd like to receive another offering for them.

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Acts 3.12-15 **Kefa** addressed the people: “Men of Isra’el! Why are you amazed at this? Or why do you stare at us as if we had made this man walk through some power or godliness of our own? **The God of Avraham, Yitz’chak and Ya’akov, the God of our fathers,** [G-d of families
As a new Jewish believer, brought up with this phrase in the synagogue, I saw and felt the power of it.]

Acts 3.12-15 has glorified his servant Yeshua — the same Yeshua you handed over and disowned before Pilate, even after he had decided to release him. You denied the holy and innocent one, and instead asked for the reprieve of a murderer! You killed the author of life!

Shmot/Ex 3.5-6 He said, “Don’t come any closer! Take your sandals off your feet, because the place where you are standing is holy ground. I am the God of your father,” he continued, **“the God of Avraham, the God of Yitz’chak and the God of Ya’akov.”** God also said to Moses: “You are to say to Bnei-Yisrael, **Adoni, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,** has sent me to you. This is My Name forever, and the Name by which I should be remembered from generation to generation.

T'hilim/Ps 78.1-7 Listen, my people, to my teaching; turn your ears to the words from my mouth. I will speak to you in parables and explain mysteries from days of old. The things which we have heard and known, and which **our fathers told us we will not hide from their descendants**; we will tell the **generation to come** the praises of Adonai and his strength, the wonders that he has performed. He raised up a testimony in Ya'akov and established a Torah in Isra'el. He commanded our **ancestors to make this known to their children**, so that the next **generation would know it, the children not yet born**, who would themselves arise and **tell their own children**, who could then put their confidence in God, not forgetting God's deeds, but obeying his mitzvot.

Shmot/Ex 12.24-27 You are to observe this as a law, **you and your descendants** forever. "When you come to the land which Adonai will give you, as he has promised, you are to observe this ceremony. **When your children ask** you, 'What do you mean by this ceremony?' say, 'It is the sacrifice of Adoni's Pesakh, because Adoni passed over the houses of the people of Isra'el in Egypt, when he killed the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" *[Passover has indeed carried the identity of the Jewish people, when all else is dropped, this is the last to go.]*

T'hilim / Ps 128 How happy is everyone who fears Adonai, who lives by his ways. You will eat what your hands have produced; you will be happy and prosperous. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the inner parts of your house. Your **children around the table will be like shoots from an olive tree**. This is the kind of blessing that will fall on him who fears Adonai. May Adonai bless you from Tziyon! May you see Yerushalayim prosper all the days of your life, and may you live to see **your children's children! Shalom on Isra'el.**

Effects of this family heritage focus even on mostly secular Israel



[<https://external-content.duckduckgo.com/iu/?u=https%3A%2F%2Fstatic.timesofisrael.com%2Fwww%2Fuploads%2F2019%2F05%2FF190508FFFFF12.jpg&f=1&nofb=1&ipt=5d7322ca025344e90e44ee43ca27f45fd5976c253830bdcc511ffb7704d6f588&ipo=images>]

Israel is the 5th happiest place on Earth, according to the World Happiness Report 2024, released on Wednesday. The findings are powered by data from the Gallup World Poll and based on six factors—**social support**, income, health, freedom, **generosity** and absence of corruption.

The United States (23) dropped out of the top 20 for the first time since the World Happiness Report was first published in 2012, driven by a large drop in the wellbeing of Americans under 30.

[<https://www.israeltoday.co.il/read/israel-ranked-5th-happiest-country-in-the-world/> Rugged individualism is great, but has limits.]

In Israel, if you were to look into most Jewish homes on an ordinary Friday night, you would see something similar to that American Thanksgiving scene. Shabbat is “brought in” with singing, blessings for children, prayers over wine and bread, and a set table. But even in secular homes it is the occasion for an unrushed sit-down dinner with not only the whole household but also grown children living outside the home, including those who have their own families.

[I hope and pray we have this culture here, among Jewish people and those from all Nations.]

The early twentieth-century Hebrew essayist Ahad Ha’am was not exaggerating when he said, “More than the Jewish People have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews.” More than 70 percent of Jewish Israelis have a traditional Friday night dinner with family and friends each week.

[<https://time.com/6334598/shabbat-brings-israel-together/>]

I had thought, in my early years as a believer, when there really was no Messianic Jewish movement, and I learned of church splits and fights, I had thought that when we have Jewish leadership in the Kingdom, there will be unity and shalom, no rancor.]

Consistent with that ambience, we have MANY heirs and heroes, walking in the faith and in the legacy of their families.

[Our heirs, adult or teen children of parents in Or HaOlam who are worshipping here, or serving here

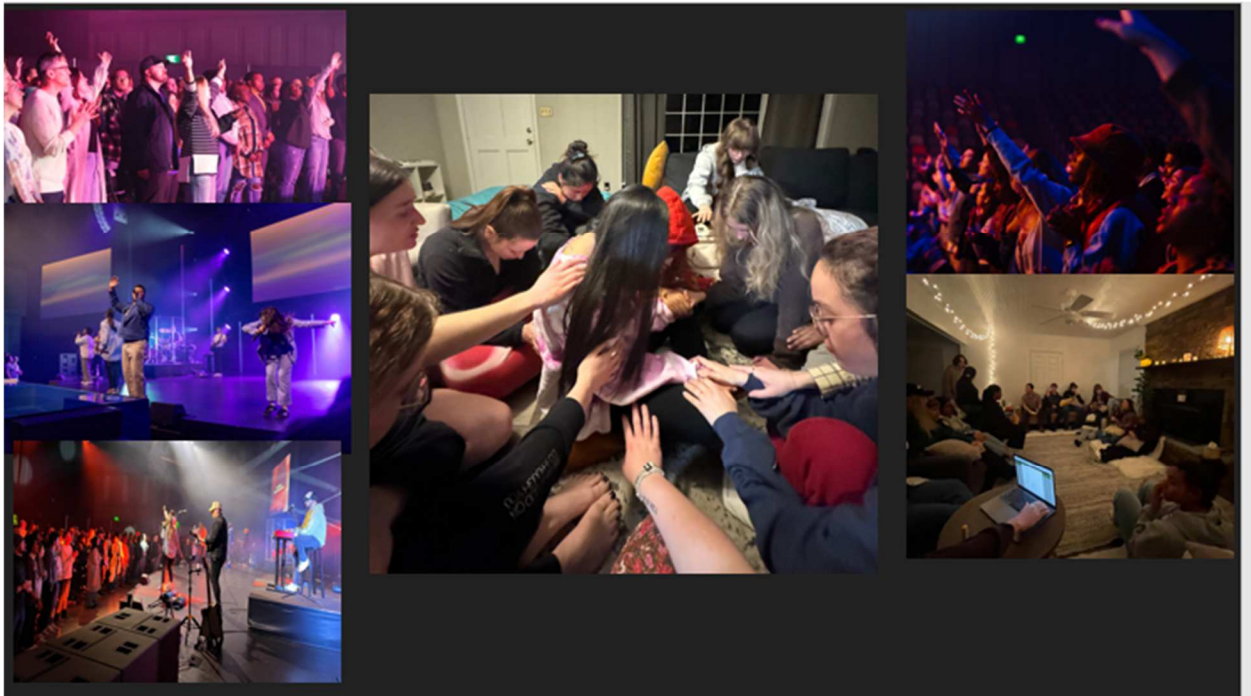
*Josie, Marcos, Melanie, Duncan and Ilona, Braden Blackburn, Wes Blackburn, Elana, Hedmon, Jaedyn, Miranda, Kassy, Kate Hershey, German, Charlotte, Camron 16
Stand for appreciation*

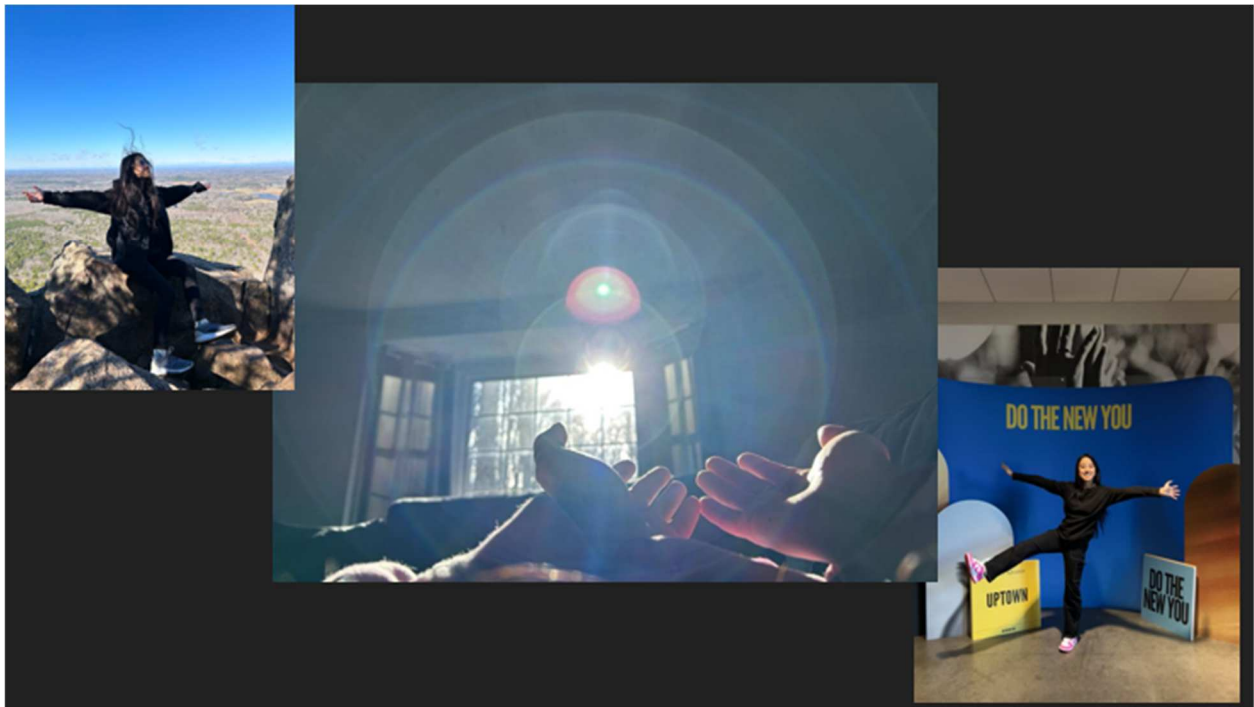
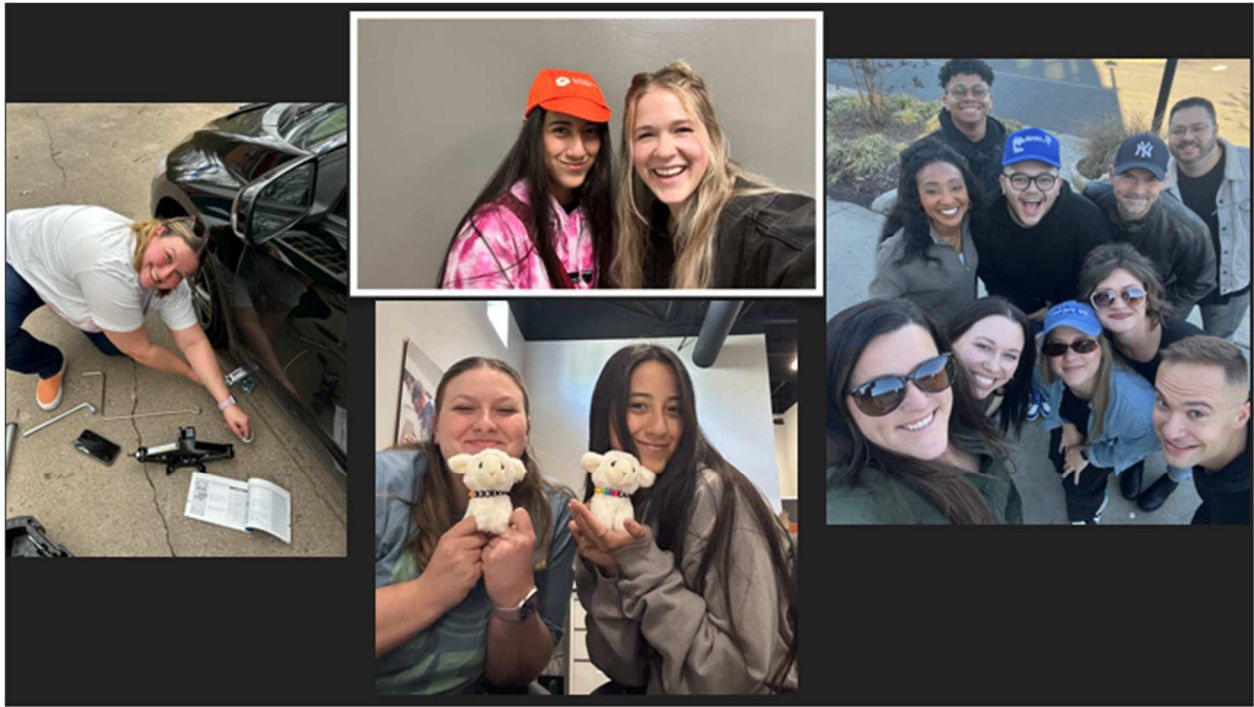
We also have prodigals, reflecting the corruption of the human race.]

Zurieli Rojas
North Carolina testimony










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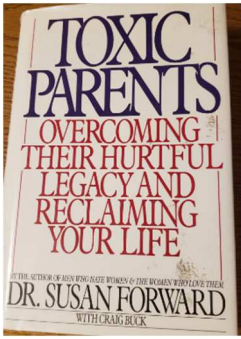


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Errancy in either direction

For people who are unable to discuss conflicts with their parents, resolution rarely happens. In this case, you need to be prepared to live with non-closure.

From the Adult Child's perspective:
When and how to go "no contact" with your toxic parents is not a one-size-fits-all remedy to dealing with parental conflict, and it certainly doesn't guarantee a resolution. However, there are times when estrangement is the only tool you have left to protect yourself, your spouse, and your children from harm or dysfunction.

[<https://www.happierhuman.com/no-contact-parents/>]



On the other hand

Yvonne B., a 61-year-old health care provider from California, has had almost no contact with her 34-year-old daughter for over a year. "She began distancing maybe 2 years ago. Then she texted, saying her therapist advised her not to be in touch," Yvonne said. "She called me 'manipulative,' and 'narcissistic,' and said she needed to 'set boundaries.'"

Kevin H., a computer technician from New York, hasn't spoken to or heard from his younger son for 15 years. "Fortunately, I have a good relationship with my older son," he said. "I'll admit I'm not the most emotionally expressive person on the planet, but I haven't done anything to deserve this. I think my ex-wife turned him against me."

"For centuries, society's values included 'respect your elders' and 'honor thy father and mother,' and there were notions of loyalty and family ties. But today's values focus more on identity, personal growth, individual happiness, and self-esteem," Coleman said. Anyone perceived as standing in the way — including a parent — can be jettisoned.

Reasons for Estrangement

- Divorce: hostility, picking sides
- Opposing religious or political views
- A son- or daughter-in-law
- Addiction and mental illness

Therapists: Therapists typically explore their clients' childhood memories to see how they might have contributed to present-day difficulties. A misguided therapist may "inadvertently encourage a victimized stance in relation to the parent, as opposed to a stance that sees the parent in a more three-dimensional way."

And some therapists use diagnostic terms, like "narcissist" or "borderline," to describe parents they've never met. Mental health is regarded as a process of setting boundaries rather than finding compassion toward a parent's human imperfections.

[<https://www.webmd.com/parenting/news/20230620/dealing-with-adult-child-estrangement>
These terms are real descriptors, but can be overused.]

In my studies of the lives of older Americans, I learned that **almost nothing is as painful to them as estrangement from an adult child.** When we reach the later years, our dream is to be surrounded by loving children and grandchildren.

For some older people, however, a negative relationship with one of their offspring - or even worse, complete separation from him or her - is profoundly difficult.



Barry & Cynthia Morehead
We'll tell their story next Shabbat.

Rise up, shine forth,
For, your Light has come.
Shekhinah of Messiah in splendor has dawned.

See how darkness covers the earth
And the nations in depth of night
But Adoni in splendor will dawn on you.
And His glory, and His glory on you will appear.

No more will violence sound in your land
Blasts nor looting on your grounds
You will call your walls salvation
And your gates, and your gates
Praise will declare.

The smallest one will become like a thousand
And the least like a nation of might.
I'm Adoni, in its time I'll accelerate.
In its time, in its time
I'll accelerate.

Lift your eyes round about, and see them all
Gathered to you your sons come from very far away.

S' ee saviv e-ni-ikh ur' ee kulam

שְׂאִי־סְבִיב עֵינֶיךָ וְרָאִי כָּלֶם

Lift your eyes round about, and see them all

Nikbitsu va-u lakh banayikh merakhok

נִקְבְּצוּ בְּאוֹלָךְ בְּנֵיךְ מֵרְחוֹק