

It Is to Your Advantage That I Go Away

But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away! For if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. (John 16:7)

Can you imagine a more ridiculous-sounding statement? *“I’m going to leave you, and it’s for your own good.”* Shocking but *Yeshua* meant it! How can being away from the physical presence of *Yeshua* be good for us? Well, *I don’t think so!* But *Yeshua* did say it! *He is not a man that He should lie!* (*“19God is not a man who lies, or a son of man who changes his mind! Does He speak and then not do it, or promise and not fulfill it?” {Nu. 23:19}*).

What is the advantage then? Here are two potential understandings to help us embrace why *Yeshua* said, *“It is to your advantage that I go away.”* The first has to do with His use of the word *advantage*, or as the King James Version states, *expedient*. The Greek word is *sumphero*, which means literally *to bring together*. And since bringing the right things or people together produces benefits or advantages, this Greek word was used for the concept of *expediency* or *gaining an advantage*. Thus, *Yeshua* was telling His disciples (us): *“My departure will cause a new connection (sumphero) to take place for you. This ‘bringing together’ will be of great benefit to you, more so than even My physical presence.”*

A second point to consider is the realization of who He was going to connect the disciples with: the *Ruach Elohim* (the *Holy Spirit*). Why would this be so advantageous? Because the *Ruach* will with them (with us) in spirit form, not in the flesh-and-blood body as *Yeshua* had been, and could *therefore be everywhere at once*. What does that truly mean? He could actually be *in* them (us), not just *with them* (with us) (*“17the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him. You know Him, because He abides with you and will be in you.” {John 14:17}*).

I don’t believe many of us come anywhere close to grasping this revelation in its fullness. *The Almighty* is *in us*. What might we be like if we received the *full revelation* of this? Perhaps we would truly be His witnesses in this critical time we live in. Perhaps we would do similar deeds to the things He did – and even *greater works* – and we could truly be effective, which we have not been! No doubt we would be *miracle workers, life transformers, fearless, completely unselfish, always led by the Ruach HaKodesh*, and we would surely walk in *perfect love*.

The *Holy Spirit* is all of this and more. Have you considered that He was *Yeshua’s Helper*. As a human, *Yeshua* was filled with, led by, empowered by, and anointed by the *Holy Spirit* (see *Luke 4*). *Acts 10:38* also tells us *Yeshua* derived His power and anointing from the *Ruach HaKodesh*. The same *Ruach HaKodesh* resides in us and wants to be our source of power and strength. However, we often fail to make the connection, thereby preventing His power from flowing in us.

Last year I asked the question: How many of us can honestly say we have been living in the *Book of Acts*? If I am truthful to my own self, I have to answer that question with *a resounding I have not!* What sets the *Book of Acts* apart from the Gospels is the *Presence and Dependence* on the *Holy Spirit*. The *Holy Spirit* is mentioned over thirty times in *Acts*, many more times than anywhere else in Scripture. In *Acts* they *Worshipped the Father in Spirit and in Truth*: *“23But an hour is coming – it is here now – when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people as His worshipers. 24God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:23-24)*. In *Acts* there is no question that the order is first in *Spirit* and second in *Truth*, and not the other way around. I love that in *Kol Simcha* we are totally *motivated and moved by truth*, and that is a good (no,

great!!!) thing. But we must **first** move in **Spirit** and then in **Truth**, since the order of these in Scripture is also inspired. I believe we (including me) have been acting perhaps in **Truth first** and in **Spirit second**. The *Acts of Kol Simcha's* record so far is **one page** instead of **twenty-eight chapters!**

In the *Book of Acts* they never went back to **life as usual**. Everything they did was by **prayer and the Holy Spirit's word of instruction**, day by day, moment by moment. We want to walk with **Yah**, in **Yah**, for **Yah**, for **His Will, His Purposes**, being **Awestruck, Honoring Heaven's Glory** in us! We are to be **Lost in the Wonder of His Glory** and in the **Hunger for His Presence**. Instead we have relegated Him to our schedule, to our plans and desires. **The Ruach has become power in my back pocket just in case I need Him.**

Can we be completely honest with ourselves and **Messiah Yeshua** today and say **Lord, thou knowest. WE in Kol Simcha** need **everything Yeshua** purchased for us. Like the disciples, we need to admit to ourselves and to **Him** that we really need **Another Helper**, exactly like **He** said we needed and in the measure that **He** intended. Do you have everything spiritually working in you like it is supposed to? Have you reached the apex in your walk with **Yeshua**? If all we have to do is **ask and we shall receive**, why not ask right now? Put your religion and your understanding aside right now and let us **knock and it shall be open to us!** Let us **ask the Father in Yeshua's Name AGAIN for Him to send us more of The HELPER and let us ask with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength.** Do you agree? So... Let us appropriate **THE RESURRECTION EXPERIENCE and POWER** and let us together with **His Spirit** go **change the world!** I invite you to pray, seek, tarry and worship!