



#UNRESTRAINED

HOMework:

ANY VERSES

ACTS 18:1–18

HOW TO STUDY YOUR BIBLE

- Step One:
Pray
- Step 2: Read
the Text



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Get Up and Get Going

Let Us of Debating Encouragement
and Take Hold of Your Next Assignment

➤ Acts 18:1

➤ After this Sha'ul left
Athens and went to
Corinth

STEP 3: WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Only the Facts Please!

**List outstanding facts*

**Don't get caught up in details*

** DO NOT PARAPHRASE*



JUST THE FACTS...

- (1) After this Sha'ul left Athens to Corinth

STEP 4: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

What are the people doing?

**That they should be*

**That they shouldn't be*

IS there a command to Follow?

Promise to Claim?

Example to Follow?

*Ask God what I am supposed to
see!*



LESSONS TO LEARN...

➤ 1: After Sha'ul was chased from Thessaloniki, after the unbelieving Jews chased him out of Berea, After he was dropped off waiting in Athens, After his message on Mars Hill (the place where Socrates was killed), after he only reported 2 followers of Jesus by name, Saul left Athens, the city of knowledge, philosophy, & high society. Saul leaves ALONE: no Silas, no Timothy, no companion, & goes to vile, corrupt, wicked Corinth. Awesome

STEP 5:

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

APPLY IT!

Now take the lessons and put them in the form of
a question....

DO NOT RUSH.

THIS TAKES TIME... WAIT for God to speak to you
and place His finger on your heart.



**KEEP
CALM
AND
FOLLOW
ME**

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

- 1. When have my hopes and expectations for a place or event left me less than fulfilled? #unrestrained by numbers
- When have I questioned where my help is? What causes me to feel alone in ministry? #Unrestrained Helper
- When has God led me to a place I simply did not want to go to? #unrestrained by places

STEP 6:

LIVE IT OUT!!!

**Look over all your facts...
is there a theme? Does one verse stand out?**

Write it out.

Hold yourself accountable to do it!

Sign it! Date it!

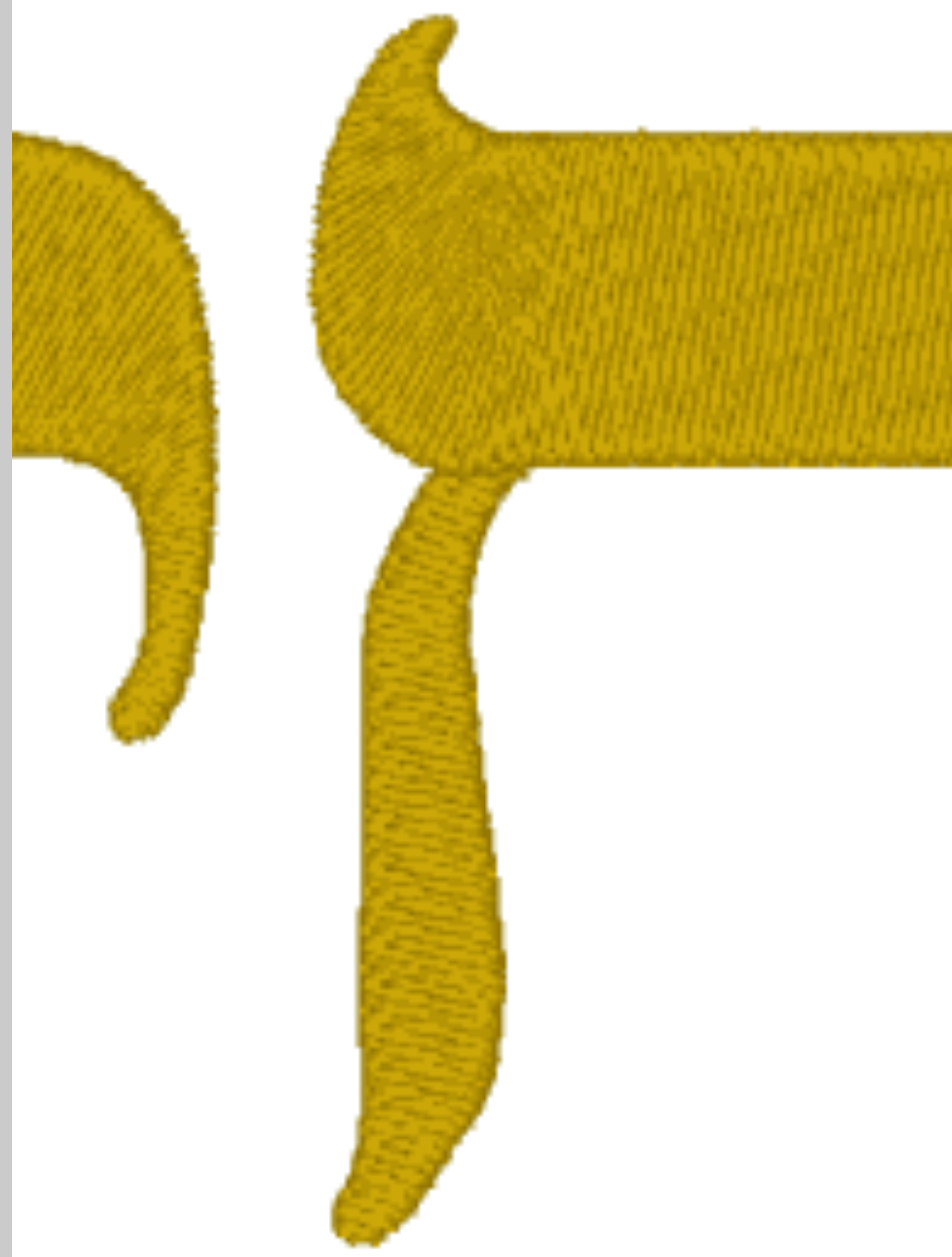
Watch God work in your life!



THE HOLY SPIRIT TAKES **#RESTRAINED** PEOPLE,
NUMBERS & PLACES AND TURNS EVERYTHING TO
#UNRESTRAINED BY HIS PRESENCE AND WORD

**UNRESTRAINED MESSAGE TO
UNRESTRAINED PLACES WEHRE
WE ARE UNRESTRAINED IN
FOLLOWING JESUS**

LIVE...it out



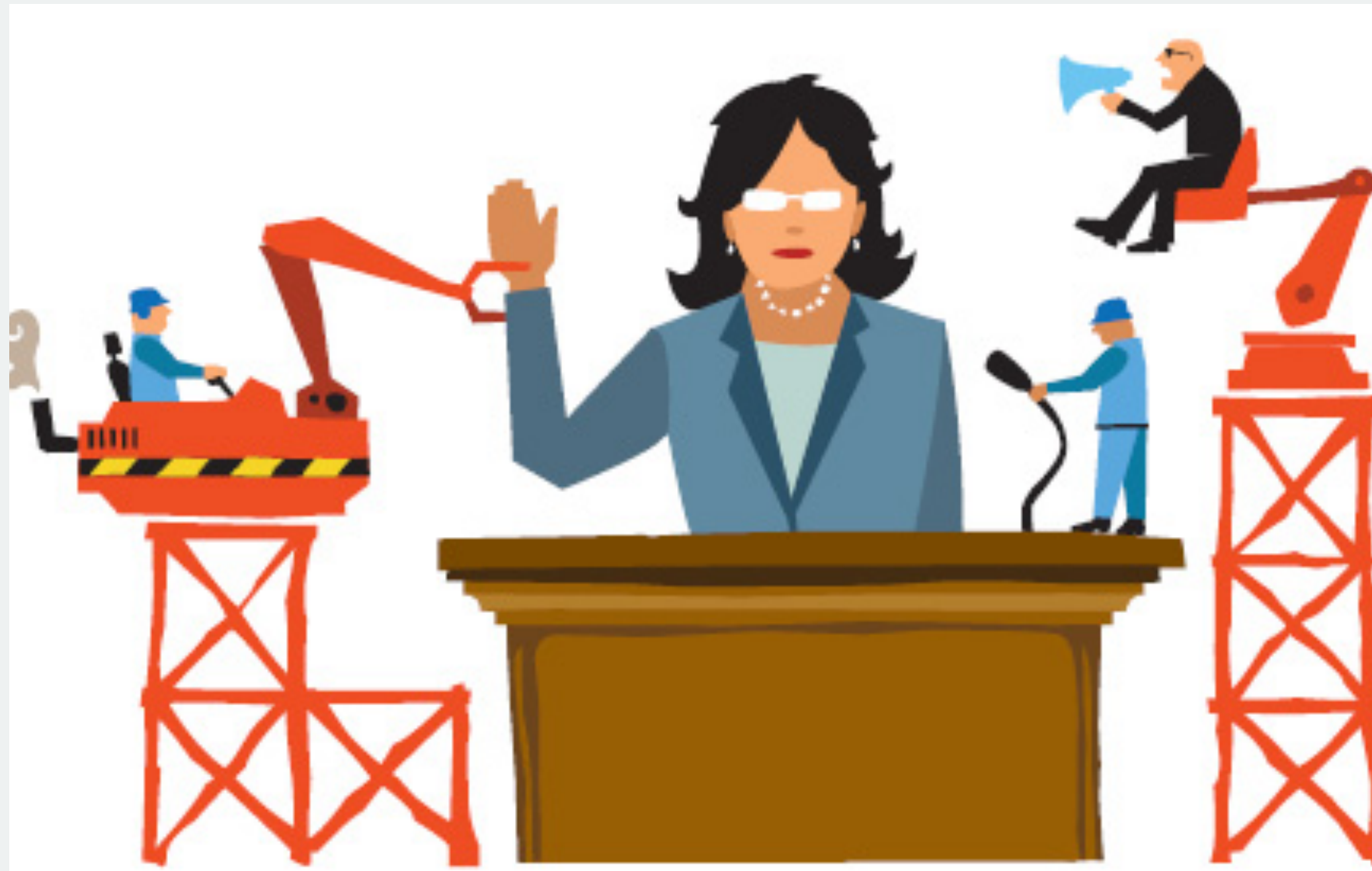
ACTS 1:8

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; you will be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, indeed to the ends of the earth!



WITNESS

➤ Martys:
Witness in
legal, historical
and ethical
sense





FOLLOW ME

THE RABBI AND THE DISCIPLE

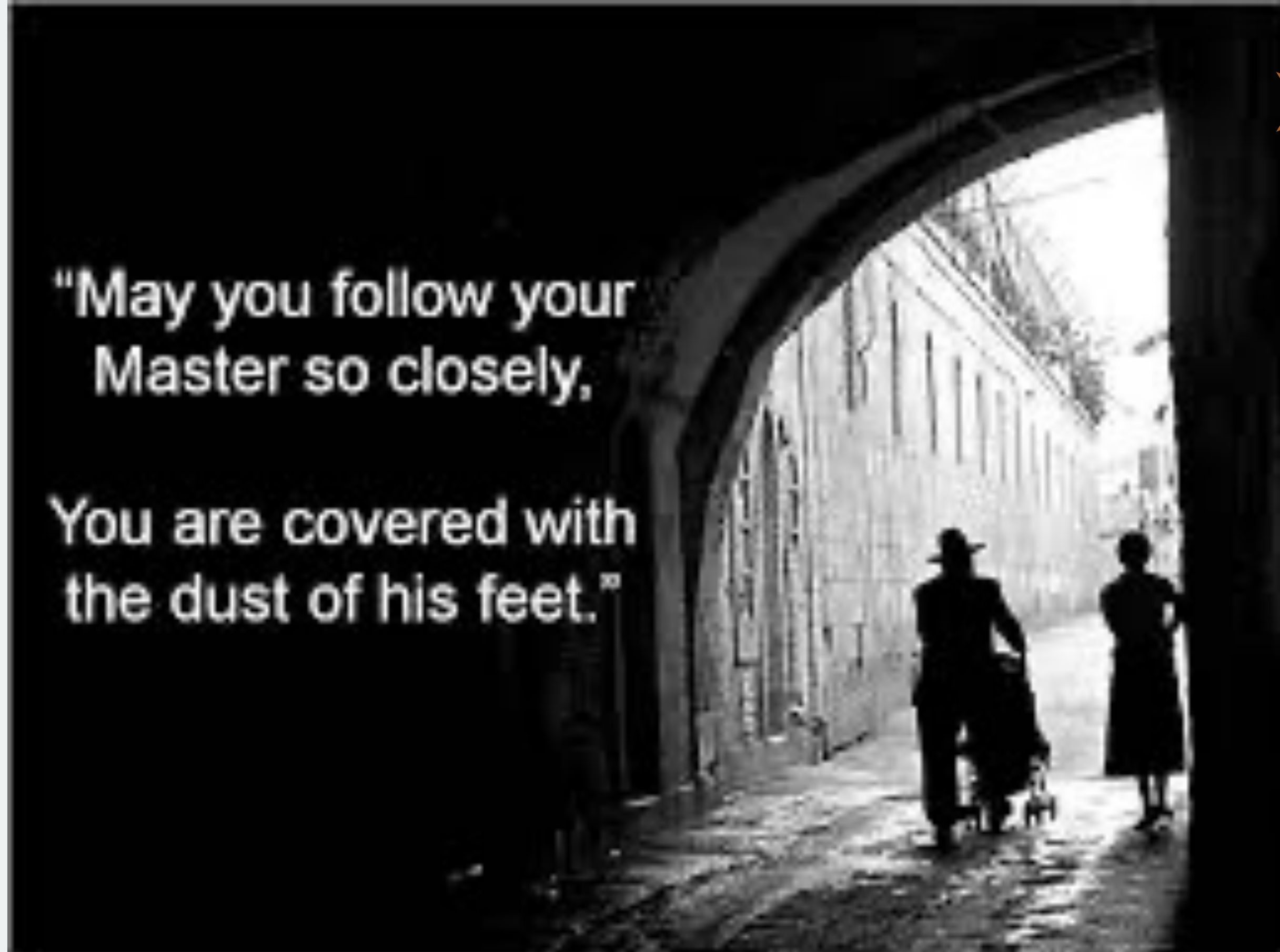


- Bet Sefer- age 5-12
- Bet Midrash (13-20)
- Talmid(im) (Come)
20-30
- Rabbi (Go) 30

THE RABBI AND THE DISCIPLE

"May you follow your
Master so closely,

You are covered with
the dust of his feet."



➤ *As far as it possible, you
are like me now. Go! Seek
others who will imitate
you, because you are like
me. When they imitate
you, they will be like me.*

**“THE HEBREW WORD DISCIPLER REFERS TO
SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO
BE WHAT THE RABBI IS.”**

- Shím'on Kefa ben Jonah
- Símon Peter son of Jonah

SIMON: THE ONE
WHO HEARS
PETER: ROCK
JONAH: DOVE



die Kirche (Church)

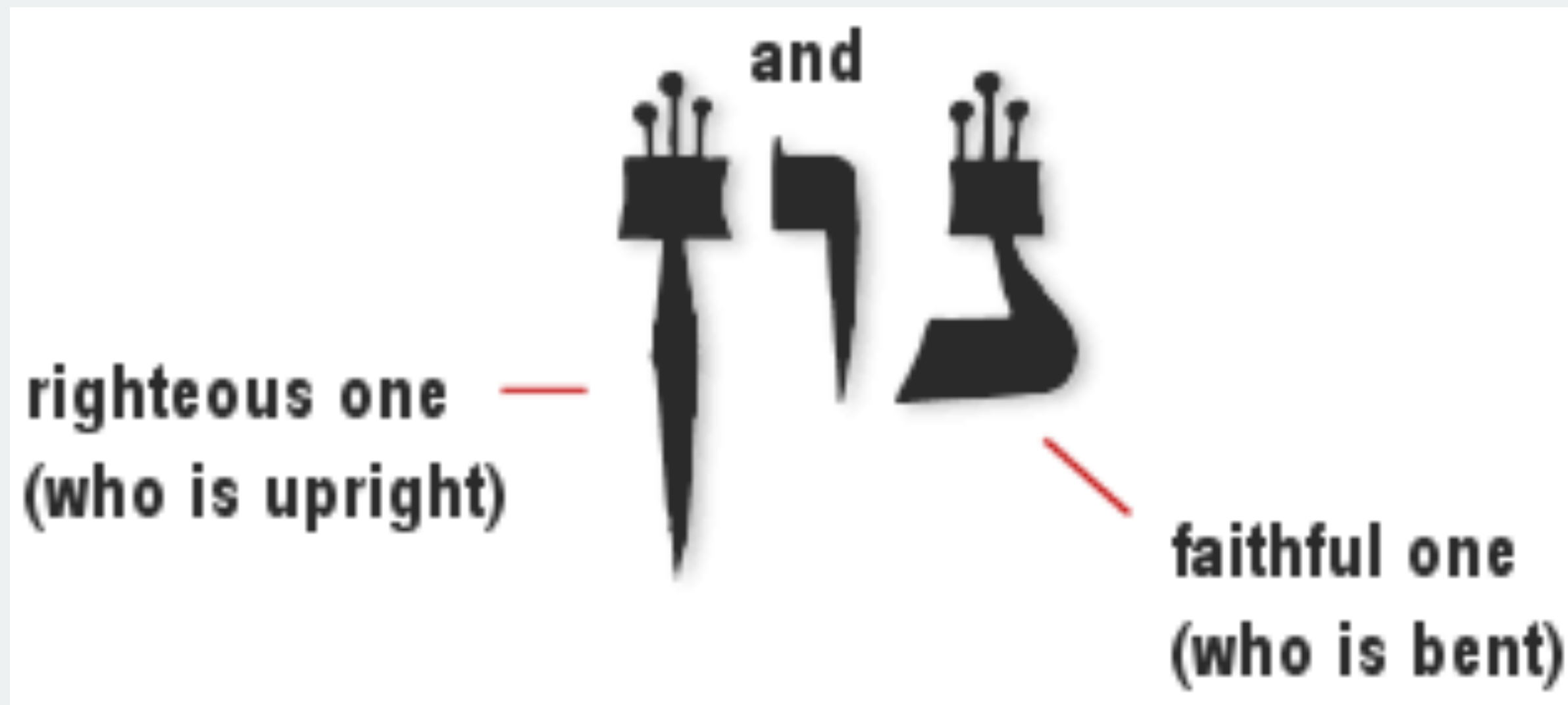
Kirche: a place for religious study



Ekklesia: A movement of God's people
ek- to call kaleō: to bear a name,
calling out



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- A GREAT faith is a REPENTANT faith
 - Beth Melekh
(bethmelekh.com)
 - -Rav Yaakov ben Yehoshua



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➤ Humble is
HARD... but
needed

SHAVU'OT..... THE SPIRIT DRAWS



► 50 days after
Pesach



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- Fire fell on 120
that gathered in one
place
 - The Spirit Convicts
MANY MORE



HOLY SPIRIT POURED OUT

- Regardless of Age
- Regardless of Gender
- Regardless of Socio-economic status



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- *Mikveh*
 - *3000 baptized*
*after the **FIRE** of*
*the **Holy Spirit** fell*



PHARISEE

- Set apart one
- Josephus Jewish Historian- 760BC
- 613 Laws
- Wore Tassels
- Refused to bow to changing culture (Many pharisees and Saducees came to follow Jesus, Acts 6:7)
- The Found vs the lost Tom Hovestall Spiritual Profiling

All believers struggle between the law and freedom, hyper-grace and hyper-law. We MUST maintain Holy Spirit informed discernment in rightly dividing the Word of Truth. So as to walk in the wisdom found and held in the tension between freedom and practice. To swing too far in either direction is idolatry.

-Yaakov Brown
Beth Melekh, New Zealand

PHARISEES

CHIEF
PRIESTS

SADDUCEES

ELDERS

HIGH PRIEST

SCRIBES








YESHUA HOUNDS SAUL

- wretch=wrecker
- Saul is Wrecking/
God sees
- Saul has plans/ Jesus
has plans

PASSIONATE PROCLAIMER



Go into all the world and
proclaim
the Good News
to the whole creation!

- Acts 8, to SAMARIA
- Philip- Greek name
- 1 of 7 deacons Acts 6
- Friend of Stephen
- Served widows
- Humble/ full of Holy Spirit

TIME LINE

- AD 34- Saul sees Jesus on his way to Damascus
- AD 34- Saul begins preaching in Damascus, then heads to the Arabian Desert for 3 years (34-38 AD) then heads back to Damascus to preach and get run out
- AD 38-39 Saul (ex-wrecker) preaches & goes to Jerusalem (Barnabas believes him) then soon leaves Jerusalem after he upsets all sides
- AD 38-43 Saul goes to Cilicia and Syria (Tarsus) (in 43 AD to Antioch)
- Acts 9:31- There is peace in Jerusalem after Saul leaves AD 39
- Peter is beckoned to come to Caesarea by message of Cornelius AD 39
- The Holy Spirit falls on the Gentiles (God-fearers) AD 39

PASSIONATE PROCLAIMER



- Acts 10, to All Judea including GENTILES (ugh) CAESAREA
- Cornelius Roman Army officer
- He eats Shrimp and Pork BBQ
- Cornelius is unclean because of his DIET and he's a Gentile
- God tells Peter it's the heart of people not the stomach contents that matters
- Mind BLOWN

TRADITION



- Tradition can focus on EXTERNAL Pressure to do just right and look just right
- Tradition can keep everyone comfortable
- Tradition can disregard the internal
- We prefer Tradition led ministry over Spirit led



We must NOT forget the HUMAN origins of
TRADITIONS
And RESIST the deep seated urge to grant
them
DIVINE STATUS.

-J.I. Packer
Comfort of Conservatism



**When Tradition
becomes automatic it
is easy for intimacy
to be lost.**

**-Tom Hovestol
Extreme
Righteousness**



B L A C K
S E A

CONSTANTINOPLE

ROME

ANTIOCH

M E D I T E R R A N E A N
S E A

ALEXANDRIA

JERUSALEM

GOSPEL ARRIVES TO A DIVIDED CITY



- Gospel pressed out of Jerusalem because of Stephen's stoning
- Saul's rampage influenced the Jerusalem exodus
- Barney is sent to check it out



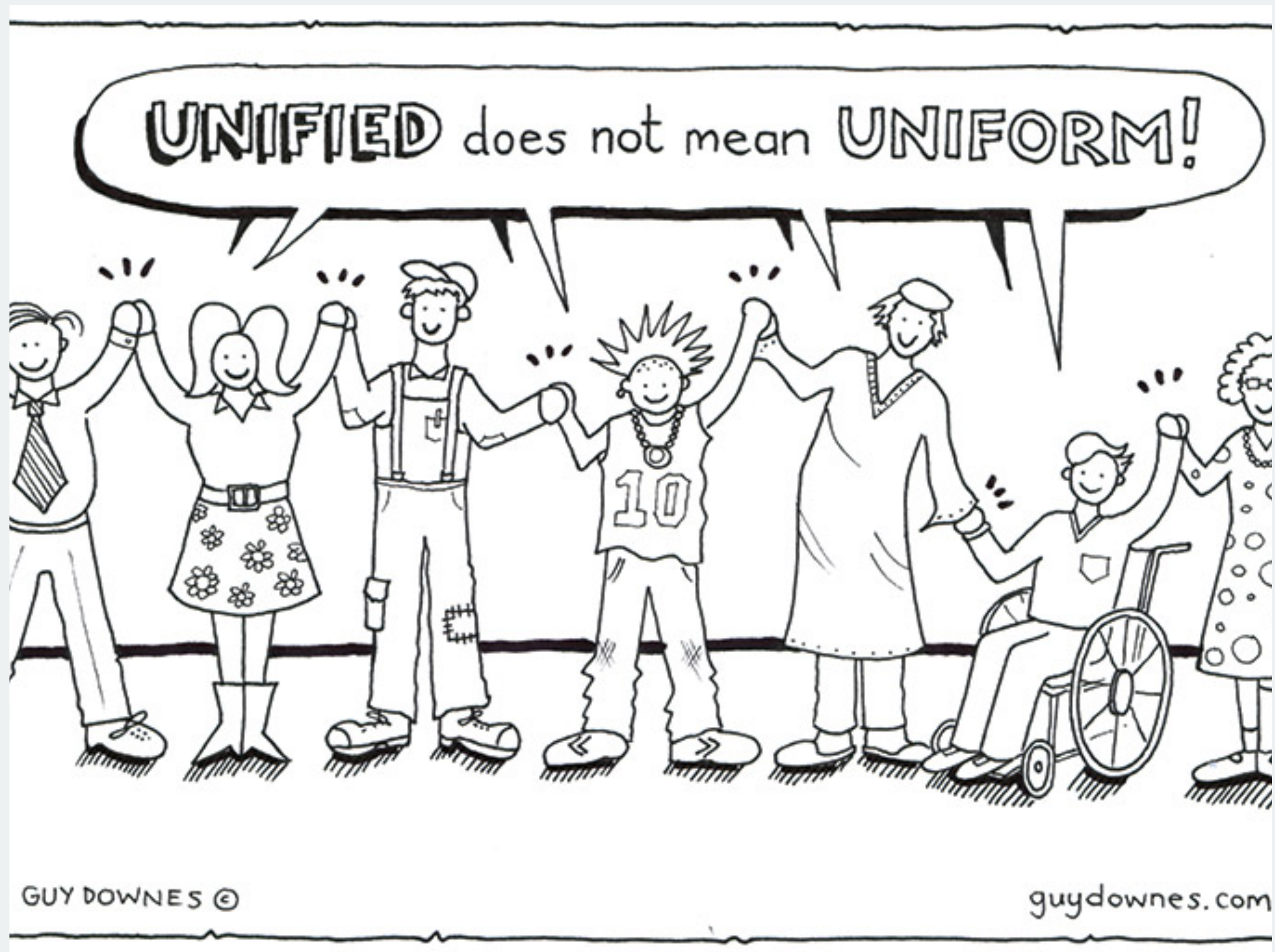
Echad: A complex unity

(UN)RESTRAINED FIRE MELTS WALLS OF DIVISION



- Barney is GLAD
- UNITY IS NOT UNIFORMITY
- Barney gets SAUL
- ECHAD: complex UNITY
- The AIM and GOAL is JESUS
- Walls of division melt with the FIRE of the Holy Spirit

(UN)RESTRAINED ECHAD



- First Mega Church
- Some historical reports up to 50% follow Jesus

TURKEY

[CYPRUS]

SYRIA

MEDITERRANEAN SEA





Troas

ASIA

ACHAIA

Smyrna

PHRYGIA

Antioch

PISIDIA

Iconium

Lystra

Derbe

Colossae

Perga

PAMPHYLIA

Tarsus

CILICIA

Antioch

SYRIA

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Caesarea



MACEDONIA

ACHAIA

ASIA

PHRYGIA

GALATIA

PISIDIA

PAMPHYLIA

CILICIA

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Tarsus

MEDITERR

SEA

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(UN)RESTRAINED KNOWLEDGE



- The GOD's WORD never comes back VOID Isaiah 55:11
- God Will accomplish what He sets out to accomplish
- The message has not changed today and the same choice must be made whether you are passionate about freedom and wealth, Truth or Knowledge or all three.

HOMework:

ACTS 18:1-18

DO YOUR THREE QUESTIONS.



FACEBOOK?

**NO, I LITERALLY
WANT YOU TO
FOLLOW ME.**

SO... TWITTER?

**I'M GOING TO START
OVER AGAIN AND YOU
CAN LET ME KNOW
WHERE I LOSE YOU.**