

Session 8

Stand Up Against Sin: Call out the Name of Yeshua/Jesus

❖ OPEN IN PRAYER

***Suggestion:** Yahweh, we thank you for bringing us together today. Thank you for being to us everything we need through You as our Creator and Father, Yeshua/Jesus our Savior and Your Holy Spirit. In Your strength and goodness we depend on and we give you all of the glory. Thank you for living in us and for the joy in knowing You more and seeing Your presence in our lives. Amen*

❖ DEFINING THE TOOL

Read aloud from your Bible: John 1:1-4

➤ **Who do you think is the Word?**

➤ **What is the Word?**

Look at verse 4 again.

➤ **What was in Him?**

➤ **What was the life?**

When the truth is told we say that things have “come into the light.”
Darkness is the absence of light.

Group Leader Recommendation: *Turn off lights and light a match, lighter or flashlight. Point out that the light didn't get covered by darkness, but the light shows up in the dark. If you are not able to do this, talk about it. If someone lights a match in the dark, the dark doesn't cover the light or fire, but the light and fire show up and take up space in the darkness.*

Light needs energy or fuel to shine. The match needs wood to burn. A lighter needs the lighter fuel to burn. A flashlight needs batteries.

We needed the cross, the wood that Yeshua/Jesus was crucified on. We can think of it as the fuel for our ability to stand up against the darkness. Yeshua died on the cross for our sins. The sin that would kill us and separate us from the Holiness of the Father was put on Yeshua because He loves us. He rose again from the dead and gave us eternal life so that now death no longer has its sting. We know that after our bodies die, our spirits will continue to live with Him, in His presence and His glory in heaven.

Read Hebrews 2:14-15

- **Before Yeshua/Jesus saved us, who held the “power of death?”**

- **What was it that held people in slavery all their lives?**

The Holy Spirit is like a flame, it is fueled by our willingness to keep fueled on God's Word and His promises and holding to our faith in Him. When we keep His Word and walk in His forgiveness we walk in freedom, hope, love and joy. We no longer are to fear death because He saved us from what sin earns: death and hell.

Yeshua took that for us. We only need to believe and He gives us His righteousness, His goodness, His truth, His light.

❖ DIGGING IN

Our relationship with the LORD/Yahweh is to glorify Him and to be filled with His love and light and the things that come with them.

Our relationship in prayer is a place of believing. It is using His Name because names are relationship. When we want to know someone we ask them their name. If you want someone to know you, you tell them your name. Remember how the Creator established His relationship through Moses in Exodus 3: He gave him His personal name so the people would know that He wanted close relationship with them, not just distant Godly power.

Read John 14:12-17

- **What does Jesus say to use in prayer?**

- **Who is going to help us to keep the commandments and live like Jesus?**

The power of His Holy Spirit in us causes us to do things like Jesus/Yeshua did and even greater.

We become ambassadors of Jesus/Yeshua. We don't come in His Name on our own reputation, we come by what Jesus did and who He is. It is His righteousness and goodness that we present. We could never be good enough on our own. It is His Holy Spirit. We carry what Jesus carried. It is part of His seal on us when we accept Him as our Savior and believe in Him and turn from wicked ways (to repent means to turn away from) and walk in His forgiveness.

Read Ephesians 1:13-14

As ambassadors we represent Yeshua/Jesus. When we introduce ourselves to others we often share which Tribe we are from. We represent that Tribe in that meeting. It is part of our identity, we are of the Tribe, a part of it and it is part of us. The same goes in our identity in Jesus/Yeshua. We represent Him and He is a part of us.

We also carry His character and His works through the power of His Holy Spirit. We are able to bring His peace in chaos, light in the darkness, love amidst hate, hope to the hopeless and strength to the weak. We pray in His Name believing that the things He says and promised will happen because He fulfilled the prophecies and promises of old. We are able to pray in His Name believing it will be done. That's faith.

Yeshua/Jesus came into the world and things changed. This world is a temporary place and with that it is changeable. We can walk in our day with the Spirit of Jesus/Yeshua in us and He starts to change us inside. He changes us inwardly and makes us new. What He does within us privately He is also able to do outwardly in the people and places we are a part of.

He stands against our own personal shame and sin and looks at us as sinless because He took our sins on the cross. We should hold onto that truth - keep it precious and close in our hearts and never forget. He sees us without sin. Don't let Satan try to accuse you of not being good enough. Yeshua/Jesus' blood was perfect. It was enough for the world, for every one of us for as long as we live. If you start to doubt ask yourself, "How much blood was enough?" His blood was and is enough and through it, He has robed you in His righteousness.

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

Isaiah 61:10-11 (NIV)

Testimonies – Stories from People of Faith
Power in the Holy Name

A woman shared that she was followed by a man from her parking lot. He entered her home and was about to rape her. She called on the Name of Jesus and the man got terrified and ran away. She knows that she was saved by the power of His Name.

Another person shared that there was fighting and violence taking place near her. She said the Name Yahweh three times and suddenly the noise stopped. One of the people got in the car and left and silence came. An hour later the other person involved in the fight was approached by some women checking to see if she was okay. That person ended up asking Yeshua/Jesus into her life as her Savior.

Find the following verses in your Bible and read them aloud:

Group Leader: *If time is short assign a verse for each person to look up and then share it with the group out loud.*

Acts 4:12	1 Corinthians 6:11
Philippians 2:9-11	Acts 2:38
John 14:6	Jeremiah 10:6
Acts 4:30	Proverbs 18:10
Romans 10:13	Malachai 1:11

When we are made new in our faith, God's Word says we are a new creation and that the old is gone. One of the ways that we honor that decision in our life is through baptism. Baptism is being immersed in water symbolizing washing away the old and dead sinful life and leaving it buried in the water. In physical birth the water breaks and the child (the new life) is born. In baptism, one comes up out of the waters born again and new in spirit, to great celebration in the heavens.

Group Leader: *This is an opportunity to see if people in your group would like to be baptized and you can make plans for a baptism day.*

Recommendations:

- *Have candidates wear dark colors so that wet clothing is not seen through. Or some gatherings clothe the candidate in a white robe over their clothes before going in the water.*
- *Have towels available in case people don't bring their own.*
- *Remember in planning that all Heaven is celebrating with you over each person baptized.*

❖ **CLOSE IN PRAYER**

Suggestion: *Yeshua/Jesus we are thankful for the power of Your Name and that You told us to use it and how to use it. Help me to speak Your Name in honor, love and by Your power. Keep Your words in my heart and mind so that I can always remember that You have made me an ambassador of You and that when I remain in You things can change for the better. Peace can come even when things are chaotic. Your hope and healing are available to me. Your love can change how I live and start to change the people and places around me. I am amazed by all You have given to me and do for me. Thank You. Amen.*