



What could an old old Hebrew word teach you about how to become a deeper and more balanced person? What could it tell you about why Messiah came? (Not that we humans are imbalanced, of course!) That's the question I tackled in my latest talk.

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I did a talk at a Messianic family camp just this last Sunday that was very personal for me. I shared the story of how we as a family went from not caring about our mission to make disciples, to prioritizing it and experimenting with times, venues, and styles of gathering that are best for making disciples. I tried a new style in this talk that I haven't tried before, and I think that went over really well too.

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We're reading Numbers 32 from Torah portion Mattot for Hebrew Chapters this week. Watch and share the trailer [here](#), and join me for the whole study [here](#)!

Meet Sofia. Here's her story.



Shalom! My name's Sofia. I started following Yeshua around age 13 and for some reason have always taken my relationship with him very seriously. It's amazing that

we can know a man that existed in the flesh over 2000 years ago, and is just as real to us through his spirit. I remember thinking during a worship song at my aunt and uncle's church when I was that young: "Yeah, I want to know him." That's how it started.

About 9 years later, I went to Israel to study abroad for my university degree. I previously had no connection whatsoever to Israel. Judaism was far off my radar...except for one Jewish-Christian friend who tried to explain to me why he still celebrated the Jewish festivals and went to a Passover Seder at our university's Hillel house. I never understand what he was talking about.

It was really the hand of the Lord that brought me to Haifa, Israel. I certainly had no personal link or desire to go other than I was studying the Anthropology in the Middle East--but mostly Arab cultures--and that I was a believer and the Old Testament talked a lot about Israel...All that to say, not a real obvious personal pull to go, but I really felt like it was the Lord that took me there.

When I landed in Tel Aviv airport, I quickly realized I did not understand anything around me, and as I'd be spending half a year here...I decided to scrap Arabic and learn modern Hebrew.

There I am, everything is new, the language, the people, my school...I'm sitting in my dormroom on the second day trying to figure out how life will be for the next few months and I open my Bible to Romans 9. I start reading and am BLOWN AWAY. The apostle Paul is talking about Israel, his own race, and I almost couldn't believe the affection pouring out through his writing. Then I knew the Holy Spirit was still speaking to this day about God's affection for Israel...I kept reading until chapter 11...Though I had read that passage many times before, it was like a new revelation to me, and it altered my views of the Jews...basically everyone I would meet from that point on.

I got in touch with a Danish Christian who was studying with me...He went to a Messianic synagogue in the outskirts of Haifa...and...the rest is history! Since then I've always felt more at home in the way they approach the Bible. Baruch Hashem!

As the months went on, I took classes in Jewish Ethnic groups, the Social History of Israel, etc which greatly enriched my study the Hebrew language. I really appreciated learning them all at the same time.

I've told God many times how the gift of learning Hebrew (for it was truly His gift to me!) was one of the most special He has ever given me. 3 years later, I'm living in

France and have started with one other girl a small believing community celebrating Shabbats and the festivals together, learning Torah, and learning to follow the Messiah in our everyday lives. Hebrew has definitely deepened my understanding of scriptures in ways I never thought possible--I think it is something both the American and the French body of Christ is missing.

Through a lot of divine connections, people with similar hearts have come together coming through different congregations...I am thankful the Lord set this all up! Now we are 7-8 people from several different churches (only one of which is of Jewish blood) rotating shabbat dinners at our houses and studying the Torah on Monday nights.

I am looking to implement the storytelling in our circles more...I would love that.

Baruch HaShem that he gives us tangible ways to grow in His grace!

Listen, I love hearing from my students and sharing your stories! **Could I share your story, too?** Just reply and tell me how you started following Yeshua and studying Hebrew, and then how you found us and how it's all going! Attach a picture of yourself, and I'll share it with the tribe. Don't do it for you, do it because your story glorifies God! Thank you!

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We've **discontinued Saturday Night Live**, which means we won't be offering Messianic worship on our website any longer. I'm sorry if this is a disappointment for you - I know it is for me. We did four Saturday Night Lives and had zero turnout, so we were forced to cancel.

On a personal note, cancelling Saturday Night Live was hard for me. No local people have joined us for our Friday Night potlucks for the last month either, and my paycheque from our local congregation has been a goose egg for the last two months. It hurts that no one wants what we have to offer. No local people supporting what we're doing enough to show up in person has left us feeling alone. I've wrestled with depression for the last week, and feel like giving up. I'd appreciate your prayers. Thanks so much.

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Founder & Director, Holy Language Institute

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