



# Dubin's Digest

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### *Ministry Update*



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Dear Servants of the LORD Most High God,

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#### From Larry

Greetings from Hurricane Country, South Florida. Lord willing, this letter finds you thriving as a follower of the Holy One of Israel, Jesus (Isa. 43:1-3), amid a world that is going mad! How grateful we are beyond any human measure because Yeshua lives. He is alive and well. Consider John 16:33, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

A few days ago, I was speaking with a man who serves as a pastor in South Florida. The purpose of the meeting was to encourage him in his role as a shepherd (please consider Ezek. 34), who lives and serves in a predominantly Jewish area—Boca Raton. Needless to write, I was very enthusiastic about the topic of reaching out to the Jewish people.

As you know, Deb and I are burdened with sharing the Gospel with Jewish and Gentile unbelieving people, and helping believers to become mature in their biblical faith (Rom. 1:16; 10:1; 11:11). During our conversation, the pastor asked me a very important question, which I want to share with you. He asked me if I think about reaching Jewish people with the Gospel story day and night. I responded quickly with a single word, "YES!"

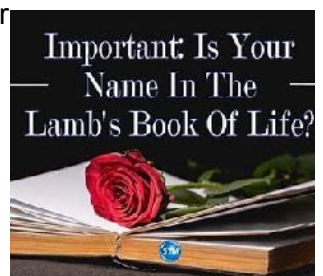
The call that God has on our lives is critical to us. We have a deep relationship with God and continually seek His guidance and peace. What else can you rely on but His strength during trials and tribulations? In a world filled with distractions, focusing on Jesus and aligning ourselves with His teaching helps us to stay firmly established in our faith and not be swayed by every trend, opinion, or bandwagon that many seem to jump onto.

#### Local Ministry: From Deb

We regularly interact with the locals, building relationships and participating in community events. As we dedicate our lives and service to Him, we enjoy the various groups to which we belong. We continue to lead Bible studies, meet with a plethora of unbelieving Jewish people, proclaim the Gospel story at Florida Atlantic University and Hollywood Beach, and participate in various Jewish immersion opportunities. We are grateful to have the privilege and opportunity to experience the journey of life and ministry together, feeding off one another as we do so.

Here's one example: I was serving at church on Sunday and always make it a point to wear my Jewish star necklace. (Even my name tag has a star on it!) This often leads to meeting new people who either know someone Jewish or are Jewish themselves. Today, I met Rich, who regularly attends our church without his wife, who is not a believer. He started off the conversation by telling me, "I wish you could talk to my wife. She is Jewish." After I shared with him the many opportunities we have to get involved, I introduced him to Larry. Rich was excited to hear about our Tuesday night Bible study and our *Chosen and Grafted In* group that meets monthly, and he will be joining us at both. Rich needs encouragement, and we can offer that to him. There is no shortage of people to whom we can minister. We just need to be audible and visible for Jesus! (Isa. 40).

Several days ago, I was speaking with Lee\*, one of the women in my "Big Apple Ladies" group (we are all New Yorkers). It was Rosh Hashanah (the Feast of Trumpets), and she was explaining her difficulties in trying to find the right service to attend for the holiday. After listening to her disappointments, I asked her a very important question: "How do you know that your name is written in the Book of Life?"



After all, this is one of the major themes of the holiday. Her answer was unfortunate. "I guess I will find out when I'm sick or when I die," she replied. My response was, "Why wait until then? Wouldn't you want to know before that time?" These were probing questions that I'm sure will lead to further discussion. Please pray that the conversation will continue.

### **Ministry On the Road**

As we plan and prepare for our upcoming fall speaking tour out west, we look forward to the speaking opportunities, meeting with ministry partners, and building new relationships. If you live in Colorado, New Mexico, or Texas and haven't connected with us, we would love to drop in as our schedule permits!

### **Prayer**

Please pray for my dad, Herb, who is turning 91 on October 16 and seems to be on the "downslope." He has had several falls, sleeps a lot, and is not interested in eating. He is 128 pounds! That's awful! Though I am struggling with leaving the area, I know that God is the Author of Life. I serve my dad and love on him daily, which is all I can do in my flesh. We pray for his salvation every morning and ask the Lord to reveal Himself before Dad leaves this place. Please pray with us.

### **Back to Larry**

On the other side of life and ministry, I acknowledge with great heartache that what I desire remains elusive. The best way to describe this issue is with the Word of the Lord. As the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome in Romans 10:1, "Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved."

Currently, neither do I see nor do I hear anything about a revival breaking out in South Florida. I continue to encounter Jewish people with hard hearts; people who do not want to explore the messianic claims from the Hebrew Bible. In addition, I am sad to encounter Christians who have been walking with the Lord for decades who do not share their faith in Jesus with Jewish people, and do not want to learn how to do so. Please set some time apart to pray and fast for the salvation of the Jewish people.

### **In Closing**

Please know that your support through prayers and financial giving is deeply appreciated. Your belief in us and our mission fuels our determination to press on, knowing that we have a community of supporters standing alongside us every step of the way. Together we can make a difference in the lives of those we serve and shine the light of God's love into the corners of the world.

Remember that we are all called to be servants of Jesus, using our talents and skills to make a positive impact in the world. May God bless you abundantly as you serve Him, too!

In Messiah,  
Larry and Deb

