

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM RABBI YITZI

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PARSHAS BESHALACH

Finding Strength In Impossible Situations

In this week's parsha, Beshalach, Hashem has the Jewish people turn around and backtrack. Now they find themselves stuck between the raging sea and the nearing Egyptian war machine. They turn to Moshe and he turns to Hashem in prayer. Hashem says to Moshe "Why do you cry out to Me? Speak to the children of Israel and let them journey forth."

What lessons can we take from this?

We have been in exile for two thousand years. Our ultimate purpose is to transform this world into a place where Hashem's presence can dwell openly. This goal will come to complete fruition with the coming of Moshiach.

Sometimes it feels like we are in an impossible situation, the whole world seems to be against us and we are backed against a raging tide.

At times like these, we need to realize that it is Hashem Who turned us around and put us into this situation. He wants us there. There is a purpose that can only be materialized through this difficult situation.

Will we complain? Will we cry out to Hashem? Of course. Then we must lift our heads and forge ahead obstacles notwithstanding. When we do that Hashem splits seas for us.

For the past three years I have been in a difficult predicament which seems to only get worse. Do I pray? Do I cry out to Hashem that He should heal me? Yes, all the time. However, the illness has not broken my spirit because I know that Hashem put me here and that He wants me here. I don't like it, but I continue to do what I can to bring Moshiach, through my difficulties and even more, using my difficulties as a platform to lift others up.

The main thing is to use our strengths, talents and situation to accomplish our mission.

You can do it, don't be afraid, Hashem is with you.

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