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PARSHAS VA'EIRA

More Pain, More Gain

This week's Parsha, Vaeira, opens with Hashem's response to Moshe's outcry "Why have You mistreated this people?"

Hashem sent Moshe to tell the Jewish people that He will soon redeem them and the suffering only got worse.

Hashem responds, "I am Havaya. I appeared to Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov as *Kayl Shakkai*, but My name *Havaya*, I did not make known to them... I will keep my covenant... I heard their groans... Therefore say to them: I Am Havaya... I will take you out... Save you... Redeem you... Take you... And I will bring you to the land..."

How does "I Am Havaya" answer Moshe's outcry?

Great revelation comes through great suffering. The greater the accomplishment, the greater the toil.

We are here to reveal Hashem's essence in the world. Essence is revealed only under

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enormous pressure,
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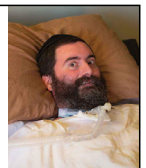
When we left Egypt, we got a diamond, Hashem's Torah, and His land, and we got Him.

This is Hashem's reply to Moshe, "I'm honing out a deeper connection with you."

This is but the tip of the iceberg. Just like a marriage, in the beginning, there is powerful connection; however, over years of struggle and hardship, the couple forges a connection that is infinitely deeper. So too, is true about our connection with Hashem. When we left Egypt, our connection was powerful. However, now that we have endured unimaginable hardship and suffering in this exile, two thousand years, imagine how incredible our connection has become. Soon, when Moshiach will come, we will experience the fruit of our labor. Hashem will reveal His Essence, and we will be one.

May he come soon.

Despite facing one of life's most difficult challenges, Rabbi Yitzi Hurwitz continues to spread joy and faith to thousands around the globe. Diagnosed in 2012 with ALS, Rabbi Yitzi is now 95% paralyzed and no longer able to speak or breath on his own. Thanks to the miracle of technology, Rabbi Yitzi continues to spread his wisdom through his eyes, focusing on each and every letter of these Torah articles. Rabbi Yitzi, his wife Dina and their seven children are the Rebbe's Shluchim to Temecula, California.



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