

# WORDS OF WISDOM FROM RABBI YITZI

לרפואה שלימה ליוסף יצחק בן ברכה

## PARSHAT NITZVAIM-VAYELECH

### Standing Still Getting Closer

This week we read a double parsha, Nitzavim-Vayelech.

Nitzavim is always read on the shabbos before Rosh Hashanah, while Vayelech is read either on the shabbos before or after Rosh Hashanah. Either way, there must be a Rosh Hashanah lesson for us here.

Nitzavim, means standing firmly. Vayelech ,means and he went. These seem to be opposites. Standing or going? You can't do both, or can you? How can you stand and go at the same time?

We all serve Hashem. Our service is clearly proscribed down to the detail. Our job is to be Nitzavim, standing firm, doing the mitzvah in it's exact prescribed manner. Not to be influenced by those who say lighten up, so what if you change it up a bit.

On the other hand we don't want to be robots, just going through the motions. That's where Vayelech

**IN MARRIAGE, AS WITH G-D, ACTION IS NOT ENOUGH. WE MUST WORK ON BUILDING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP.**

comes in. Vayelech is movement and change, not in the action of the mitzvah, but in the intent. Every day, as we learn and get a deeper appreciation of Hashem, it intensifies the meaningfulness of our service to him.

The mitzvah done as prescribed "stands firm" but our expression of it "goes" ever higher.

On Rosh Hashanah we renew our commitment to HaShem, to do His will for another year. Not just in action but also by adding in depth.

The same idea could be seen in our personal relationships.

Sometimes, as time is passing, our lives seem to be bland and repetitive. Keeping our responsibilities, being a good husband or wife. What is now

needed is time to get to know your spouse better. As your appreciation for each other grows, your responsibilities will become more joyous and more meaningful.

Regularly set aside time to talk and get to know each other better. This will do wonders for your relationship.

Have a happy and sweet New Year.

*"Dear Rabbi Yitzi*

*I am so happy i found you on Instagram!*

*I used to read your posts about the parsha, and I just discovered you here!*

*We also love your song! We used to watch it all the time.*

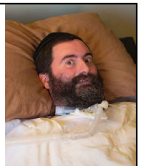
*I watched Dina give inspirational talks and have been blown away by her strength!*

*In short, I'm so inspired and amazed by your entire family. HaShem should bless you with REVEALED MIRACLES!!!!!!!"*

- Chaya A, New Haven

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