

Growth

Lost and now found was all I could think of once discovering who I am, an Israelite. Although a cliché from Christianity it resonated within my soul. I knew I had to shake the dust from my feet which meant ending a 5-year relationship. It was easy to do, since The Most High had already started to separate me from those that were familiar. Unsure and alone, I knew I could not have been the only one with this truth. As I watched more classes and camp videos and asked more questions, The Most High lead me to IUI Charlotte.

Truth:

Psalms 119:142 KJV

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.

There I found unity and my foundation. It is where I learned how to trust and how to prove, all according to the word of God. How to pray, fast, and how to celebrate the High Holy days. I had to apply my first Matthew 18 there as well. Quickly I was learning about 2 of the 3 trials of faith. It was hard but what was there to go back to? Nothing, so I pressed on.

Soon after my 2 year mark my now Lord inquired about me and the proving process began. I then lived in Charleston SC and was driving 4 hours both ways to school. I knew I needed to be closer, so I got counsel from a now Captain that agreed. Shortly afterwards I joined my family in Jacksonville FL. There my proving continued and my faith and works grew.

Trust:

Proverbs 3: 5 KJV

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

My life has never been the same since that initial camp video. I was hooked and nothing could turn me around. All that I knew was no more and all that was unexpected was welcomed. I embraced all the corrections and exhortation. Now married, I have experienced the 3rd of the 3 trials of faith (personal, congregational, and marital). Understanding that there will be trouble in the flesh I continued to grow instead of fighting against what God had planned for me.

Prove:

Sirach 6:7 KJV

If thou wouldest get a friend, prove him first and be not hasty to credit him.

Each trial in this truth should bring forth the opportunity for growth. By applying the scriptures, your actions should reflect all that you have learned. So take your trials cheerfully. Learning as they come along during your walk. Embrace all the changes brought upon you and let The Most High guide your footsteps in this race we must all run. Shalom.