



# ROOD REVIEW

MICHAEL'S THOUGHTS OF ENCOURAGEMENT NOVEMBER: 2020

with Todd Chilton

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit with Michael and I asked him what he would like to say in his November Newsletter. Here is what he had to say...

**THESE 7 THINGS HAVE BEEN CRUCIAL TO SUSTAIN ME DURING THIS TRIAL: FAITH, PATIENCE, STRENGTH, WISDOM, TIMING, THANKFULNESS, AND NEVER GIVING IN.**

**FAITH** during this time, for me, means standing on YHWH's promises. We do not walk by sight no matter what the circumstances! Job boldly said to YHWH:

"I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You."

- Job 42:2

**STRENGTH** is not my own, I have surrendered to Abba, depending completely on Him. The Psalmist declared:

"The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation."

- Psalm 118:14

And Isaiah declared:

"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

- Isaiah 40:31

**PATIENCE** is being willing to wait on the Almighty, to know he is always with us always even when things haven't gone as we planned. James said:

"But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."

- James 1:4

**WISDOM** during this season has meant listening to the Father. During my time here at home, the Father has put me in a place of vulnerability. This is a time to be a son, not a Hanukkah warrior; this is my time with Abba. When David sought refuge from Saul in the cave of Adullam he wrote:

"The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all."

- Psalm 34:17-19

**TIMING** is doing all things when the Almighty sees fit. The writer of Ecclesiastes says:

"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven; A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up."

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-3

*I have to remember that it's His timing, not my own.*

**THANKFULNESS** is my focus for everything he has given me. We all must have thankfulness in our hearts because each day is a gift from the Father. What we do with it is our own making. We must live life as Torah teaches us. Job declared in the bleakest season of his life:

"Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity? In all this Job did not sin with his lips."

- Job 2:10

Every morning when my wife Anail opens our bedroom curtains we declare:

"This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

- Psalm 118:24

**NEVER GIVE IN** to the enemy. Satan comes to kill, steal, and destroy. Every day we must fight the negative seed he wants to plant into our lives.

"Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

- Luke 18:8

As Paul said to the Philippians:

"Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue, and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things."

- Philippians 4:8

Finally, Michael especially wanted to make sure that I expressed these words:

*Your kind emails and videos have lifted my spirit and my wife's more than we can express. They have brought physical, spiritual, and emotional healing. Every day, I cry happy tears listening to your words of encouragement; I am humbled to have all of you as my friends and partners. I grow stronger daily with your prayers, your support, your love, and the love of our Heavenly Father.*

"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

- John 13:35



Michael Rood

# WHAT ARE YOU

"I'M THANKFUL THAT YEHOWAH CALLED ME AND I HEARD HIS CALL!"

- MICHAEL B.

"I AM THANKFUL BECAUSE I KNOW THE ONLY TRULY ELOHIM ECHAD AND ETERNAL MELECH OF ISRAEL AND HIS ANOINTED, OUR MELECH HAMASHIACH, YESHUA!"

- SHAHARIT S.

"I AM THANKFUL FOR MORE FAMILY TIME DURING QUARANTINE."

- SHERRY W.

"SO THANKFUL THAT GOD PUT MICHAEL ROOD INTO MY LIFE ALL THOSE YEARS AGO."

- TERRY B.

"I AM SURELY THANKFUL TO YEHOWAH FOR MICHAEL."

- PENNY J.

**I WILL GIVE THANKS TO YOU, YEHOWAH, WITH ALL MY HEART; I WILL TELL OF ALL YOUR WONDERFUL DEEDS.**  
- PSALM 9:1

"THANKFUL THAT YEHOWAH IS ABOVE AND I CAN LOOK UP AND SEE/FEEL SANITY!"

- MICHAEL M.

"THANKFUL THAT MY TRUST AND HOPE IS THE LORD!"

- MARIO E.

"THANKFUL FOR HAVING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE OF POLITICAL STRUGGLE IN MY COUNTRY NICARAGUA. ELOHIM HAS BLESSED MY FAMILY WITH HEALTH, THE OIL HAS NEVER CEASED LIKE THE TIME OF ELIJAH!"

- NEREMIAS V.

"I AM THANKFUL THAT MY 3 DAUGHTERS AND I WHO ARE IN THE MEDICAL FIELD ARE WELL AND HAVEN'T GOTTEN SICK FROM COVID-19. I AM ALSO THANKFUL FOR ALL OF THE ONLINE MESSAGES YOU AND OTHER MESSIANICS HAVE GIVEN TO US. AND EVEN THOUGH MY JOB REQUIRES ME TO WORK EVERY SABBATH, I AM GRATEFUL FOR SABBATH."

- TAMI C.

"THANKS TO THE ALMIGHTY BECAUSE HE GRANTED ME THE PRIVILEGE OF HAVING A FIRSTBORN AND NOW THAT I KNOW HIS PURPOSE I HAVE TO SHOW IT TO MY FIRSTBORN."

- JUAN C.

"I AM THANKFUL FOR THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE AT A ROOD AWAKENING AND YOUR OUTSTANDING PARTNERS IN THE AVIV FELLOWSHIPS, AND I AM THANKFUL THAT I NOW HAVE AT LEAST A SMALL PART IN THE GREAT WORK. MAY YEHOWAH CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU ALL FOR ALL YOU DO IN HIS IMMORTAL NAME."

- JIM C.

**I WILL GIVE YOU THANKS IN THE GREAT ASSEMBLY; AMONG THE THROGS I WILL PRAISE YOU.**  
- PSALM 35:18

"THANKFUL FOR MY FAMILY AND OUR FARM!"

- ERIN C.

"I'M THANKFUL THAT 2020 HAS CAUSED ME TO SEEK MY HEAVENLY FATHER MORE FERVENTLY, WHICH HAS BROUGHT ME CLOSER TO HIM. HE HAS REMOVED MY FEARS, INCREASED MY FAITH"

- KAYE E.

"I AM THANKFUL FOR MY PATIENT, KIND, LOVING, TOLERANT-OF-MY-STUFF-AND-ALWAYS-FORGIVING-ME-WHEN-I-DON'T-DESERVE-IT HUSBAND!"

- BELINDA W.

"FOREVER THANKFUL TO YEHOWAH FOR HIS APPOINTED TIMES!"

- DANNY Q.

"I AM THANKFUL TO THE FATHER WITH HAVING "ESSENTIAL JOBS" HAVING ANY FINANCIAL STRESS"

- SANDY M.

"THANKFUL FOR EYES TO SEE ALL WATERED FROM PRAYER"

- LESLIE C.

**I THANK AND PRAISE MY ANCESTORS: YOU HAVE GIVEN ME STRENGTH AND POWER,**  
- DANIEL 2:23

"THANKS TO YEHOWAH THAT HAS KEPT MY MEMBERS MY FAMILY TO KEEP ON BEING HEALTHIER THAN EVER, BLESSING THEM BY HAVING TIME TO CELEBRATE HIS LIVING WATERS LIKE NEVER BEFORE"

- PATRICIA R.

"I'M THANKFUL FOR MICHAEL A. ROOD'S GUESTS EACH WEEK."

- ANA G.

"I AM THANKFUL FOR THE ROOD R. NEWSLETTER ABOUT THE FEASTS"

- JILLANN R.

"I'M THANKFUL AND BLESSED FOR ANY WAY I AM CAPABLE TO DO SO. EMOTIONALLY AND SPIRITUALLY. PRAYING FOR OTHERS."

- MONA F.

"I AM THANKFUL TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH MY FAMILY AND STILL PROVIDE FOR THEM"

- LINA M.



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# THANKFUL FOR?

FOR BLESSING MY LITTLE FAMILY  
DURING THE LOCKDOWN AND NOT

THE SEEDS THAT HAVE BEEN

RAISE YOU, GOD OF MY  
E GIVEN ME WISDOM

ALLOWED ME AND THE  
OUR JOBS, TO HELP OTHERS, BEING  
SING OTHERS WITH THE WORD,  
FEASTS, DRINKING HIS RIVERS OF  
ORE."

ND YOUR WONDERFUL STAFF AND

VFW OCTOBER 2020  
- IT WAS VERY GOOD!"

R BEING ABLE TO HELP OTHERS IN  
PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY,  
ALSO ENJOY

RK FROM HOME AND BE PRESENT  
E FOR THEM."

"I AM THANKFUL THAT HE ALLOWED ME TO BE ABLE TO FORGIVE  
SOMEONE AND OUR RELATIONSHIP WAS ABLE TO BE MENDED."  
- ADELAJA D.

**DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT  
IN EVERY SITUATION, BY PRAYER AND  
PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING,  
PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO YEHOVAH.  
- PHILIPPIANS 4:6**

"THANKS TO THE CREATOR, TO HIS MERCY, WE CAN BE GRATEFUL TO  
HAVE A ROOF, A JOB AND THE HEALTH OF OUR CHILDREN."  
- PEDRO E.

"I'M THANKFUL FOR THE TIME I HAVE WITH MY DADDY. HE'S ON HOSPICE  
AND ANY TIME I HAVE WITH HIM IS PRECIOUS."  
- DEIDRA C.

"I AM THANKFUL TO YEHOVAH, FOR BEING ALIVE IN THESE AMAZING  
TIMES, FOR TAKING ALMOST EVERYTHING OUT OF MY LIFE THAT I  
THOUGHT I COULDN'T DO WITHOUT! TURNS OUT WHAT I REALLY NEEDED  
WAS TO REALLY JUST STOP AND REEVALUATE WHAT IS IMPORTANT."  
- BARBARA

**DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO PRAYER, BEING  
WATCHFUL AND THANKFUL.  
- COLOSSIANS 4:2**

"I'M THANKFUL FOR THE ABILITY TO SEE YEHOVAH CLEARLY THROUGH HIS  
ABUNDANT MERCY AND GRACE TO AN UNDESERVING SINNER LIKE ME."  
- PAUL B.

"I AM THANKFUL FOR THE BODY OF MESSIAH. WE NEED EACH OTHER  
MORE THAN EVER. WE MAY NOT AGREE, BUT WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE AND  
BE KIND TO EACH OTHER."  
- DEBRA D.

"I AM THANKFUL FOR THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND STRENGTHENING I  
HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THIS TIME."  
- JUAN V.

"I AM SO THANKFUL FOR ACCIDENTLY FINDING MICHAEL ROOD'S  
TEACHINGS. MY BROTHER AND I FOUND HIM WITH HIS FIRST SESSION OF  
THE REVELATION SERIES AND HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS  
EVER SINCE."  
- WYMA P.

"I AM THANKFUL THAT YEHOVAH CALLED MY NAME AND I HEARD HIS  
CALL AND I AM LITTLE BY LITTLE LEARNING ALL THE WAYS TO ANSWER  
HIS CALL."  
- MICAH S.

**THROUGH YESHUA, THEREFORE, LET US  
CONTINUALLY OFFER TO YEHOVAH A  
SACRIFICE OF PRAISE  
- HEBREWS 13:15**

"WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT FATHER HAS GIVEN US THE PROVISION TO FEED  
THE HUNGRY AND MINISTER TO THE HOMELESS AND DISPLACED, IN A  
SEASON WHEN SOME PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING TO HAVE ENOUGH FOR  
THEMSELVES. PRAISE YEHOVAH, THAT HE LEADS US TO BE CALM IN THE  
STORM, AND ALSO FOR CROSSING OUR PATHS WITH A WONDERFUL  
FAMILY WHO ENCOURAGED AND MINISTERED TO US."  
- REBECCA D.

"FOR THE TIMES WHEN I WAS HUNGRY, FOR THE TIMES I WAS THIRSTY,  
FOR THE TIMES WHEN I HAD TO OBTAIN MY SHOES AND CLOTHING FROM  
THE SECOND HAND STORE I PRAISE MIGHTY YEHOVAH. FOR THE TIMES  
WHEN I LIVED IN UNCERTAINTY AND DISTRESS, FOR ALL THE LONELINESS  
AND DESPAIR AND WONDERING WHAT BAD THING WAS NEXT, I THANK,  
AND WITH ALL MY HEART, I PRAISE YEHOVAH FOR ALL OF IT. WHY?  
BECAUSE ROMANS 8:28. THOUGH I SPENT MUCH TIME FACE DOWN ON  
THE CANVAS WITH A BLOODY NOSE, HE HELPED ME TO GET UP ON MY  
FEET, AND COME UP SWINGING TO DEFEAT EVERY HEARTACHE AND DIFFI-  
CULTY, ENABLING ME TO CLIMB OUT OF THE CRATER(S) THAT HAD BEEN  
BLASTED IN MY LIFE."  
- JEFF T.



# WHAT IS THANKSGIVING REALLY ABOUT?

with Tedd Clayton

For many people, the Thanksgiving season is a time to eat too much and watch football. Yet, we as believers know it goes far deeper than that, even though we may enjoy those things as well.

## **THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO HAVE A THANKFUL SPIRIT!**

John Henry Jowett, a British preacher at the turn of the 20th century, said this about gratitude: "Gratitude is a vaccine, an antitoxin, and an antiseptic." What did he mean and how can we apply his wisdom as we grapple with these topics in the midst of COVID-19?

He meant that gratitude, like a vaccine, can prevent the invasion of a disgruntled, discouraged spirit. Like an antitoxin, gratitude can prevent the effects of the poisons of cynicism, criticalness, and grumbling. Like an antiseptic, a spirit of gratitude can soothe and heal the most troubled spirit.

The subject of gratitude reminds me of an impactful story in the Bible where Yeshua healed ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19). Nine of the lepers went their way rejoicing in their healing, but only one of them turned around to express his thanks to Yeshua for the miracle that had taken place in his life. Imagine that – only 10% thanked him!

We are often so quick to correct and instruct our children when it comes to the importance of saying, "thank you." You and I are challenged on a weekly basis, and yes, even daily, to express our love and appreciation to the Father. If only 10% will give thanks, we all need to be among that 10%.

Another verse I'm often reminded of during this time is "Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever." (Psalm 106:1) One of the great themes of the Bible is that we are to be a people of thanksgiving, not just one particular day of the year, but as believers, we are to be thankful daily.

On behalf of the Rood Crew here at A Rood Awakening! International, I wanted to take a moment to send a note to let you know that we are thankful for you in our lives! We think about you and pray for you, literally every day.

Thank you for standing with Michael and A Rood Awakening! International with your prayers and financial support. With you, we can take the Gospel to the world, like the waters cover the sea.

May YeHoVaH bless you and keep you this Thanksgiving and every day.

*Tedd Clayton*  
Chief Operating Officer





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# FOCUS

In a riveting challenge for our moment in history, Michael Rood welcomes Bill Cloud to deliver a provocative question: "What is your focus?"

Despite challenges all around, if we want to see something restored, we have a responsibility to turn back to YeHoVaH. What is destined to crumble will crumble. What is worthy to remain will remain. The question is, "Which one will you focus on?"

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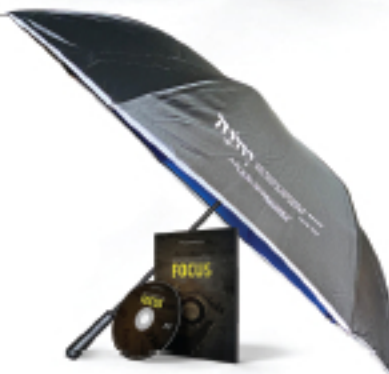
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