

# Sisters for Yah

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## Who Is My Neighbor?

Yahshua once had a conversation with a “lawyer” (an expert of his day, who specialized in the interpretation and application of the law). This person wanted to know what the greatest commandment of the law was. We know what Yahshua’s answer was—love Yahweh first with all your being, then love your neighbor as yourself. See Luke 10:27 and Matthew 22:39.



The man then replied (seeking to justify himself), “And who is my neighbor?” Yahshua answered his question by telling the famous parable of the good Samaritan. He concluded by saying: “Go, and do thou likewise.” We can learn a lot from this parable about neighbors and what it means to love them.

For one thing, a neighbor is not always a person who lives next door to you. A neighbor doesn't even have to be someone you know. The Samaritan had never met the traveler who had been beaten and left for dead. He was not even a fellow countryman.

Three things come to mind when reading the parable. First, the traveler was someone whose path had crossed that of the Samaritan. Second, the traveler had a real need. Third, the Samaritan had the ability to meet that need. According to these three criteria, the Samaritan had an obligation to help. And Yahshua said we are to do the same.

We are to help others the way we would want to be helped if the roles were reversed. The love that Yahshua speaks of is *agape* love. Agape love is an unselfish love that serves the best interests of the recipient without regard to any benefit for the one who loves. In the highest sense, there is a genuine love for one’s neighbor.

We must try to put ourselves in another person’s shoes. Pray for Yahweh’s will for the one whom you are helping. And pray that He will show you the proper way to help someone. Let’s be like the good Samaritan.

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## ***RECIPES!***

### **Warm Percolator Punch**

6 cups unsweetened apple juice  
 6 cups cranberry juice  
 3 cups water  
 2/3 cup packed brown sugar  
 1 T. whole cloves  
 2 cinnamon sticks (3 inches each)

In a 24-cup percolator, combine the juices, water and brown sugar. Place cloves and cinnamon sticks in the percolator basket, cover and begin perking. When cycle is complete, discard spices. About 15 servings (3 1/2 quarts).



### **Cinnamon apple wraps**

8 tortillas (7 inch)  
 2 cups unsweetened apple sauce  
 2 cups cheddar cheese, reduced fat  
 2 1/2 T. ground cinnamon  
 2 1/2 T. granulated sugar

Mix cinnamon and sugar together. Spread 1/4 cup of applesauce over each tortilla. Sprinkle 2 t. of cinnamon sugar over applesauce. Top with 1/4 cup of cheddar cheese. Wrap each tortilla and heat in microwave until cheese melts.

(Jan Meyer)

### **Scotcheroos**

1 cup sugar  
 1 cup light corn syrup  
 1 cup peanut butter  
 6 cups Rice Krispies  
 1 bag of milk chocolate chips  
 1 bag butterscotch chips

Melt sugar and syrup in saucepan on medium heat until melted (not grainy). Do not scorch! Turn off heat and stir in peanut butter until melted and blended well. Pour mixture into Rice Krispies and mix well. Spread mixture into cookie sheet pan or pan of your choice. Do not pack mixture. It will become hard once it cools. Melt chips on very low heat (continually stirring). Do not scorch.. Spread onto Rice Krispies.

(Brandy Baumann)



## Our Precious Mediator

In Romans 8:34 we read, *“Who is he that condemneth? Is it Yahshua that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of Yahweh, who also maketh intercession for us.”*

One of the most profound truths in the life of a true believer is that Yahshua Messiah, who died for our sins and rose for our justification, now lives to intercede for us before Yahweh. In John 17:9, Yahshua poured out his heart for His disciples. He said, *“I pray for them. I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are yours.”* But He went even further! Yahshua said, *“Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word”* (John 17:20). That includes you and me!

What else does Yahshua pray for us? For one thing He prays for our security. In John 17:11, we can find the following, *“...Holy Father, keep through thine own name those thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.”*

Yahshua also prays that we have victory over sin and the devil. *“I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil [or ‘the evil one’]”* (John 17:15).

Another request Yahshua had was, *“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth”* (John 17:17). Our sanctification will come, therefore not through some special experience, but through Yahweh’s word. He also prays for true unity among His true disciples: *“That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me”* (John 17:21).

Finally, He prays for our ultimate glorification. *“Father, I will that they also, whom thou has given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me”* (John 17:24). We can be assured that the Father will grant these requests of His beloved Son.

Isn’t it wonderful that we have a Savior who intercedes for us? When Yahshua walked this earth, He experience the pain of trials and temptations. One cannot say, *“Yahweh does not know how I feel. He has never gone through what I am going through.”* Indeed, Yahshua knows the hardships of being a human being! He was persecuted and executed in the flesh. Most of our trials are less severe than what Messiah experienced. He was beaten beyond recognition, spat upon, and finally nailed to a torture stake. Surely we can go to Yahweh when we are hurting and Messiah will mediate for us. If He was persecuted, surely we will be also. But we will also be with Him in glory if we overcome to the end. Be of good cheer, Brethren!





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Got some ideas?  
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## The Cell Phone vs. The Bible

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones?

- ◆ What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
- ◆ What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- ◆ What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
- ◆ What if we flipped through it several times a day?
- ◆ What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- ◆ What if we gave it to our kids as gifts?
- ◆ What if we used it as we traveled?
- ◆ What if we used it in case of an emergency?



This is something to make you stop and think:  
Where are my priorities?

And then...hmm...Where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Yahshua already paid the bill!

.....And no dropped calls!

—Author unknown

