

Sisters for Yah

Don't lose the wonder!

Remember what it was like when Yahweh first revealed His truth to you? More than likely you felt you were walking on a cloud! I remember the excitement my husband and I felt. We would spend hours and hours praying and studying. There didn't seem enough time in a day to experience the wonder of Yahweh's truth. Then it happens. New believers quickly become old believers. They are still faithful to Yahweh, but the sense of wonder seems to fade. Life becomes business as usual.

Well it's time to be amazed all over again! Read the book of Mark in its entirety again and allow the miracles that Yahshua performed dazzle you once again. Pray also that Yahweh would let you



be amazed on a daily basis. I watched an amazing creation program recently that completely overwhelmed me, in a good way. Creation is incredible, but most of the time we ignore it.

Many people that I know have read the Bible from cover to cover several times. And they all tell me the same thing. Each time they read it, they learn things that they did not know the last time they read it. The Bible has many layers. You can't possibly take it all in with just one reading. Read it again! Some re-read the Bible using a different translation each time. I've tried it, and it really does make the Bible come more alive, because each translation gives a fresh perspective.

Bible study without prayer is not ideal. When you combine both, Yahweh can reveal things you never thought possible! We are told to pray without ceasing and I really believe there is a good reason to heed this. Consider prayer your lifeline to Yahweh. Continue to fight the good fight!



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What's tougher than an alligator? A mom!

Most parents will do just about anything to protect their children. Years ago on the news there was a story about a mom who saved her son from the jaws of a ferocious alligator. Four young boys had been swimming in a lake in Florida. A neighbor had been watching and saw a huge alligator begin moving toward the boys. She began screaming for them to get out of the water. But one of the boys was snorkeling and couldn't hear the warning. So the 11 foot, 400 pound creature fastened its huge powerful jaws on the boys head, but thankfully his snorkel mask prevented the alligators jaws from closing all the way. The boy was able to wiggle free and began to desperately swim toward shore.

Meanwhile the boy's mother heard the screaming and came running only to witness the terrible scene of her son in the mouth of the alligator. She jumped in and fought to pull her boy out of its mouth, causing one of her son's legs to break. The mother refused to give up and she finally pulled her boy to shore. He made a full recovery.

Several weeks later the mother and son were walking on the shore of the lake and came to the spot where the life and death struggle took place. She looked down at her son and noticed that scars were almost healed. In fact the only ones visible were the ones left by her—the marks of a mother's love—where her fingernails had dug into his arms as she was pulling him from the jaws of death. I was touched by this story because it reminded me of Yahshua's love for us. He willingly put himself in danger and was killed because of us. He loved us so much that he laid down his life for everyone. Let's never forget the price Yahshua willingly paid so that we could have life. John 15:13 sums it up well: greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.



Doubt versus Faith

Doubt sees the obstacles
Faith sees the way

Doubt sees the darkest night
Faith sees the day

Doubt dreads to take a step
Faith soars on high

Doubt questions, "Who believes?"
Faith answers, "I."

(Author unknown)

A Woman's Beauty

Our culture and the media tells us that the beauty of a woman is strictly in her outer appearance. We are bombarded with products that are supposed to reverse aging and make us look like the air brushed super models in fashion magazines. People spend so much money on special face creams that are supposed to eliminate wrinkles, and toxic hair dyes to hide the gray in our hair. Beauty product manufacturers feed us a steady stream of false promises to make us beautiful, as if we are not beautiful exactly the way we are.

Being perfectly beautiful on the outside really doesn't matter when it comes to eternal salvation. Beauty is not wrong in itself, but our attitude behind it is what matters. If we are obsessed with our outer appearance, we may forget to work on our inward beauty. Yahweh really wants us to focus on our inward beauty as a priority. This is what is important where eternity is concerned.

The photos you see in magazines of picture-perfect models are very deceiving. Have you ever seen those shocking photos taken of celebrities when they are not expecting it? Most of them are very average-looking without makeup and fancy clothes and hairstyles! The only reason they look so good in magazines is due to special lighting, makeup, and certain filters on the camera.

The natural beauty of a righteous woman is wonderful. Years ago, there was a survey about what men really found attractive in a woman. While physical appearance played a role, most men admitted that they preferred a "friendly smile" and "sunny disposition toward life" instead of a perfect figure and lots of makeup. A man can have a perfect fashion model for a wife, yet be miserable if her appearance is the only thing going for her! So let's get past our desire to look perfect on the outside. Instead let's try to be seek inner perfection! Read Proverbs 31:30 to put this in perspective.

Dear Yahweh

So far today I have done alright
 I haven't gossiped
 I haven't lost my temper
 I haven't been greedy or grumpy, nasty, self-
 ish, or overindulgent
 I am thankful for that!
 But in a few minutes, Yahweh,
 I am going to get out of this bed
 And from then on
 I'm probably going to need a lot more help!

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Can it be fixed?

Okay, so you're in the kitchen making gravy, er...attempting to anyway. Then something goes terribly wrong. Never fear, keep reading.

If it's too runny? Cook it longer. Some of the liquid will evaporate.

Still too runny? Try adding just a little cornstarch. But whisk it with a little broth or water first then add it to the entire mix.

Okay, but what about lumps? Always add liquids in a slow, steady stream. Also, you can always strain out the lumps with a fine mesh sieve.

Too thick? Easy, just add more of whatever liquid is called for in the recipe.



“Help, I ran out of...”

Furniture polish. Try this natural remedy instead. Combine 1/4 cup olive oil, 1/4 cup white vinegar, and 1/4 cup lemon juice. Pour some on a soft cloth and polish! Do not spray directly on furniture as it can discolor it.

Glass cleaner. This one is amazing. Just mix 1 teaspoon of dishwashing liquid, 1/3 cup of vinegar, and 3 cups water. Apply with a microfiber cloth and let air dry for a streak free shine. This is so economical and works so well, you may never need to buy store bought glass cleaner again. Plus, this is much less toxic.

Dishwasher rinse aid. Simple. Just add vinegar to your dishwasher in place of rinse agent.

Scouring powder. Mix baking soda with a few drop of liquid dish soap and scrub!

Other uses for vinegar, baking soda, and lemons:

1. Use straight vinegar to disinfect wooden cutting boards.
2. Clean your microwave by combining 1 part vinegar with 4 parts water. Bring to a boil in microwave to soften stubborn splatters. Then wipe off spots with a rag.
3. Polish your silverware with 1 part water to 3 parts baking soda. Rub with paste then rinse well.
4. Baking soda can also eliminate lingering odors in your dishwasher. Just sprinkle on the bottom.
5. Grind up some lemon peels in your garbage disposal to freshen.
6. Salt lemon halves and use to polish copper pots and pans.

