

HOW TO HANUKKAH – DAY 5

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Welcome and happy Hanukkah and Welcome to Night five we have been traversing Through the Bible

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as we discover what light and how light was passed down through the ages starting with

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the light of creation on day one then we move that over to Noah on day two then we moved to Abraham

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on day three and then last night we talked about how the light showed up reintroduced

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itself again to Moses at the burning bush we've seen a pattern of God reintroducing himself why

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because we tend to forget about it so that's one of the most beautiful Parts about this particular

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holiday and this Festival is that it teaches us all about not forgetting the light it reminds

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us for eight straight days that God loved the world so much that he gave his only begotten

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son and it started in the very first day of creation by creating the light to begin with

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bringing the light into the world and then passing it down through time unfortunately

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we as human beings get distracted we move from left to right we forget about going straight and

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he has to find another generation one person in particular typically and then reintroduces

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himself and that's uh what happened with Moses reintroduces himself to an entire people race

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of people that then bring uh the Commandments through a thousand straight years of making

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mistakes trying to keep the Commandments up and down constant roller coaster of emotion and drama

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and discipline from the almighty sounds a lot like the Christian Life Today does it not but

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unfortunately they continue to make mistakes so father had to reintroduce himself again

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he does that in the form of Yeshua himself Jesus the Christ that is the shamas candle that is the

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servant Kindle that he reintroduces himself to uh that is going to then light the fifth candle which

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is what we're going to talk about right now which is what we talk about uh excuse me we we relate

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to the disciples so the fifth commandment for the Staley home traditionally represents the disciples

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where Yeshua himself uh begin to pass the light directly to those that were around him he found

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almost like a um like the captains of the guard of a team he found the captains of the team took him

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in personally disciplined them and said guys here's how it's going to work this is the game plan this

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is who I am this is what we can do together as a team now go and be a light to the world and

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so we we focus heavily on the the passage out of Matthew where he says I am the light of the world

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and he says a city that is that is put up on a hill cannot be hidden in the same way you can't

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put your light under a bushel that doesn't work either and so you can begin to teach your kids uh

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what being what does that mean a city on the hill well you can tell them this that did you know that

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that was a Hebrew idiom in the first century when they said City on the hill can be hidden

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that Yeshua was likely looking directly at the temple because that's exactly one of the idiomatic

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expressions about the temple it was called a city on a hill and so it was probably doing it at night

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looking up at the temple as all of the gold that was there was being reflected by the light that

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was in it and the whole inside of the temple was probably glowing and you can't miss it it just

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sticks out in the dark and so when we talk about the light being transferred to the disciples we

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talk about the process of what of transferring the light looks like that Yeshua took the time

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to disciple his children if you will he took the time through real life scenarios to explain to

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them uh what what the uh what the light actually looks like what the truth looks like in any given

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scenario situation parents I encourage you it's not just to raise great kids in the lord it's not

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just a once a week thing on Family Church like we do at our house or taking them to church it's not

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about a youth group some of that stuff can even do more damage than good if it's not reinforced

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at home on a daily basis there's many times I'll take my kids out or we'll be doing something and

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I'll just think of a spiritual analogy in that moment and try to teach them a spiritual truth

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from that situation or that circumstance to drive home a spiritual principle discipling

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your children is passing the light to them so on night five representing the disciples we recognize

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and let all of our kids know that we are all disciples all of us are both disciples and we're

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rabbis we're teachers we're we're teaching other people at the same time that we are being taught

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you may not know that you're teaching someone but how you operate is exactly uh how you are

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teaching and we'll talk more about that tomorrow night but that's enough for tonight pretty simple

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I encourage you to play some games tonight with your children maybe play Monopoly or find a good

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family game that you can play that is or maybe you get the game of life and play that game and uh and

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just enjoy one another bake some cookies together or go out for pizza or order it in let tonight be

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it a night where you spend time with one another I know our families I think going in ice skating and

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uh and then and then we're going to be eating some homemade soup that that we've been cooking all day

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or I shouldn't say wheat because that's not my Lane thank God we'd all starve but all that to

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say it is family night tonight spend time with one another go through the scriptures that talk about

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being a light of in the world and that Yeshua is the light have them memorize those scriptures

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maybe draw them out if you have younger kids draw them out have them color it if you're older and

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you don't have any kids maybe you just have a Bible study where you just you discuss what does

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it mean to be a light to the world what does that look like for the early disciples tomorrow we'll

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talk about what it looks like for us but tonight is about what did it look like to be a light for

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those early disciples that was that were stuck in Judaism and that when they've converted over

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to believing in Yeshua as their Rabbi and they were baptized in his name they had already been

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baptized in different rabbis name uh the early Century uh followers of other rabbis were baptized

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in their rabbi's name but when you got baptized in the name of Yeshua you were disowned from your

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entire inheritance your parents uh likely had a funeral for you that's how big of a deal it was

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when he says take up your cross and follow me it was a really serious statement you were going to

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lose your life if you followed this Rabbi and that's why uh when they did they had everything

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to lose and so much more to gain that they had no idea but they were giving it all to follow

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him so the disciples had a tremendous choice to make and they set the bar very high for what us

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later Gentiles would have to follow so Shalom my friends I hope you enjoy your night five as

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I will mine and we'll see you tomorrow at night six happy Hanukkah if this video has blessed you

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