

Apples of Gold

Zvi Kalisher's life-changing spiritual conversations

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WE WANT TO KNOW MORE

A while ago I had a long conversation with our Arab neighbors. They always speak of killing us and driving us into the sea. They strap explosives onto themselves to blow us up, and they even turn their children into suicide bombers to kill us—all because they want to take our land.

I told them, "What you are doing is written about in the Bible. Do you want to read it?" So one read, and his friends listened:

Thus says the LORD: "Have you murdered and also taken possession? In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs shall lick your blood, even yours" (1 Ki. 21:19).

God was angry with King Ahab and his wife, Jezebel, for killing Naboth and stealing Naboth's land. "This is what you are doing," I told them. "If you would believe in the Lord, you would be more considerate of one another. We are ready to release hundreds of Arab prisoners—even those who have killed our women and children—to secure the release of a few kidnapped Israeli soldiers. But you say you will only return our soldiers in a coffin. Yet you pray every morning. Is this your faith—to kill men, women, and children?"

"The Lord our God commands us not to murder. And what does your law say? That you shall kill, murder, and turn people into suicide bombers so you can go to heaven. And you want the entire world to think and become

like you.”

Then one man declared, “Islam will control the world!”

It is difficult to speak to these people, yet the Lord commands us to bring His salvation to them because they walk in such darkness. So I continued.

“You have tried to destroy us, but we are still here. And we will survive against all our enemies, because it is written in Psalm 126:2–6:

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad. Bring back our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the South. Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

They wanted to know where this was written. So I showed them, and they were surprised my Bible contains the New Testament.

One immediately asked, “How did you come to faith in Christ?”

I was happy to tell them. “You see,” I said, “I never looked for special books about faith. What I read was the Holy Bible. It alone tells us how to know the Lord. I found in the Bible so many places where it is written about the Lord Jesus Christ. I learned about true faith in the living God.”

“We want to know more,” one said. “You must show us where all these things are written in the Bible. Show us where it is written about Jesus.”

So I gave them my Bible and showed them Isaiah 53. From then on, they asked many questions, including, “Why do all Jewish people not believe as you do?”

“Many do!” I replied. “Come to our congregation and see how many Jewish

people worship with us. Even a rabbi was baptized, and many Arabs also come to our congregation. We never go to people and say, 'You must believe in Christ!' Only God can help people believe. So we speak to people step by step. They must read the Bible and see for themselves where the truth lies. And I pray that in time, you, too, will come to know and believe in Christ as your Savior. Then you will have peace and worship the God who loves you."