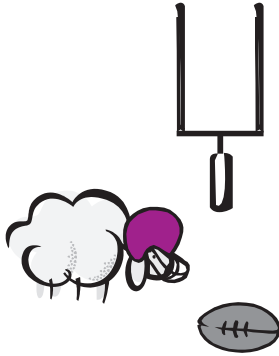




4TH QUARTER

November 2011



Dear Family in Yeshua,

An Assignment from God

While our two sons were both still students at the University of Florida in Gainesville, the Lord gave Jamie an unusual assignment which led to this month's timely message. Her assignment was to pray for Tim Tebow, the quarterback of the UF football team, who is the son of missionaries to the Philippines, and a very outspoken and consecrated believer in Messiah. Jamie interceded non-stop for Tim in the Spirit during each three hour game. She prayed that pre-believers around the world would look up the scripture verse that Tim had written on his face, under his eyes. The verse changed from game to game, and it was reported that there were millions of "hits" on the internet by seekers who were curious what expressions such as Phil. 4:13 meant! Tim always gave glory to God for his success at football, which was outstanding, including winning a Heisman Trophy. But, Tim is especially known for his excellent work ethic, leadership ability, godly character, and ability to bring out the best in everyone around him.

Tim's never-give-up attitude, and discipline of his physical body to ensure great staying-power, made him a strong contender in the FOURTH QUARTER of a football game, when games are won or lost. Tim consistently led his team to victory because he prepared himself to finish strong.

The FOURTH QUARTER

The Lord has shown us that WE are in the FOURTH QUARTER—personally, spiritually, and historically. Time is running out. We are actually in the last part of the FOURTH QUARTER, and the two minute warning has been given. Although Neil is a strong, healthy, seventy-five year old, and Jamie is sixty-three, we both want to make this last quarter count for eternity in a special way. It is now or never for all of us! The world situation is spiraling downhill. We are, in a sense, like Noah, building a "spiritual ark" of salvation, making it ready as God calls those who are being saved into Yeshua, the "Ark of our salvation."

God is working in unusual ways, touching hearts that are open to Him. At a temple service recently, Neil was approached by an elderly Holocaust survivor who explained that his wife, a housebound Jewish believer in Yeshua, watches us each week on *Jewish Jewels*. Baruch asked Neil if we would consider coming to their home for dinner because he wanted to cook a meal for us! We, of course, have accepted the invitation. A FOURTH QUARTER sign! Then there was the Jewish lady from Morocco who was in the seat next to Jamie on a plane en route to NYC. Although Jamie slept most of the trip, in the final **2 minutes** after landing and before de-planing, Yvonne invited Jamie to her home for Moroccan tea! Jamie accepted, and spent over three hours in Yvonne's home, sharing the Lord with her in Spanish. Another FOURTH QUARTER event. Pre-believers are now reaching out to us! Please pray that we do not miss a single opportunity to share the love of God and His Messiah Yeshua with those whom God is calling unto Himself.

Each Friday morning, we help conduct a Shabbat service at a local Independent Living Facility here in Fort Lauderdale. We covet your prayers for God's favor and anointing as we open His Word

to precious Jewish seniors, many over eighty years of age. Most have **never** read the Holy Scriptures and are ignorant about God, His ways, and His plans for Israel and for all humanity. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is calling them "home" in the FOURTH QUARTER!

Jews and Christians Together

In September, 2011, there was a prophetic, first-time ever event in South Florida: An Israel Summit sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Broward County in conjunction with the Broward Pastors Network. Over 1,000 traditional Jews and born-again believers in Jesus agreed to put aside spiritual differences for the sake of Zion. Taking a stand on behalf of Israel and the Jewish people was the common bond. Rabbis spoke of their deep appreciation of Christian Zionists, who, at this time in history (the FOURTH QUARTER), are probably the best friends that Israel has.

Our presence as Messianic Jews at the Summit might have been problematic for some of the traditional rabbis who know that we believe they need to receive Yeshua as their Messiah in order to have sins forgiven and the gift of eternal life—and are vocal about it. We are different from many Christian Zionist groups who simply "love Israel" and refrain from any evangelistic efforts. Nevertheless, we still strongly agree about Israel's right to exist as a sovereign nation in the Land that God gave to them by covenant. We have that in common with traditional Jews.

There was at least one rabbi who had no problem with us as "Messianic" Jews. This rabbi, from Argentina, has been to our home for dinner, and sat with us at the Rabbis/Pastors Luncheon. He and Jamie got into a deep discussion on *Shir HaShirim*, the Song of Songs. As they walked through the buffet line, the rabbi began asking Jamie if she understood various passages from the book, for example, "kisses from God." You can imagine the discussion that followed! The rabbi asked Jamie to let him know if she ever taught a class for both men and women on *Shir HaShirim* because he would like to attend and learn more about the book. Definitely a FOURTH QUARTER scenario!

The Prize

What is victory for believers in the FOURTH QUARTER? What is the prize that we strive for? What is our goal? How will we know if we have won? Like Tim Tebow, we want to play well, be good leaders and teammates, please our coach, and win the game, but our natural goals, like his, are eclipsed by a far greater spiritual goal: To bring glory to God. Philippians Chapter 3 in some Bibles has the sub-headings, "All for Christ (Messiah)," "Pressing Toward the Goal," and "Our Citizenship in Heaven." Our ultimate goal is to, *"gain Messiah and be found in Him,"* (vs. 8) and *"to know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death..."* (vs. 10). Rabbi Saul explains the need to persevere in the FOURTH QUARTER: *"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Messiah Yeshua has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Messiah Yeshua"* (Phil. 3:12-14).

We need to forget the mistakes we made in the first three quarters. Forgive—others, and ourselves—because the game is not over. God is calling you up! Victory is yours if you KNOW YESHUA and ABIDE IN HIM. We win if our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life (Rev. 21:27).

You can excel in the FOURTH QUARTER if you are spiritually fit. Discipline, a major quality of a disciple, prepares us to do the works of our Father, while it is yet day. Rabbi Saul speaks about this FOURTH QUARTER truth in I Corinthians 9:24-27, *"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified."*

The Teams

In the spiritual realm, there are two opposing teams: the Sheep and the Goats. You are on one of these two teams. There is no third option. *"Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure..."* (I Pet. 1:10). From God's perspective, both Jews and born-again believers in Yeshua are "sheep." The Messiah told His disciples that He would lay down His life for the sheep: *"And other sheep I have [referring to the gentiles] which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd"* (John 10:16). Yeshua also referred to the Jewish people as the *"lost sheep of the house of Israel"* (Matt. 10:6).

Yeshua says to both Jews and Gentiles, "I want **YOU** on **MY team!**" Yeshua is choosing many in the FOURTH QUARTER that others would consider "unfit." He desires to use them in the final two minutes of the game. The amazing truth is that those chosen last will receive the same reward as those chosen at the beginning: Eternal life with the Holy One (Matthew 20:1-16). The Sheep team is destined to win, and everyone gets the coveted "Superbowl Ring"—including those players on the team who sat on the sidelines (praying!) and never played in a single game.

Who are the Goats? According to Matthew 25 they are the "unrighteous." They are the ones who will not accept the gift of imputed righteousness purchased for all who believe by Yeshua, the final Atoning Sacrifice. Goats are the stiff-necked ones, the rebels who refuse to bow before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the ones without a biblical world view. There are also "Sheep nations" and "Goat nations," who will be judged by how they treated the "brethren" of Yeshua—the Jewish People (Matthew 25:40, 45). *"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on his left"* (Matt. 25:31-33).

The Participants

Who is The Coach? God, the Father. Who is The Quarterback? Yeshua, who said: *"...the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do..."* (John 5:19). The sheep do what Yeshua tells them to do: *"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."* (John 10:27) Sometimes the sheep have difficulty hearing the calls of The Quarterback because the NOISE OF THE CROWD drowns out the Voice of the One calling the plays. There is a LOT OF NOISE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER. We, as sheep, need to fine tune our ears to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. We can be encouraged that although we can't see them or hear them, there are cheerleaders rooting for us in Heaven: *"...Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Yeshua, the author and finisher of our faith..."* (Heb. 12:1). Yeshua is with us during the first quarter, and stays with us until the end of the FOURTH QUARTER. He helps us **finish strong**, even if we have had a weak start.

We pray that each of you receives a special "finishing anointing" this month. The FOURTH QUARTER is characterized by intensity, pressure, and increased opposition, but it can also be a time of great passion, purpose, and victory. May the Lord give His sheep supernatural energy to do His will. May He impart more of His love to us in the FOURTH QUARTER, since there is the danger of our love diminishing: *"And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold."* (Matt. 24:12). The God who began a good work in each of us **will complete it**, according to Philipians 1:6!

The "huddle" becomes crucial in the FOURTH QUARTER. The players gather close together to hear the voice of The Quarterback who is calling the plays. The FOURTH QUARTER is not the time to be a "lone ranger." We need to be an active part of a team- the Body of Messiah. The origin of the word "huddle" refers to a herd, drove, or flock! How football came to use it is a mystery. The Bible makes a clear statement about believers in Yeshua huddling close together in the FOURTH

QUARTER, "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." (Heb. 10:25). It's about teamwork, not personal glory, in the FOURTH QUARTER. Gather together with other like-minded believers whenever possible.

The Opposition

Before games, football players watch tapes of opposing teams in order to "read the opposition" and know their tactics. We as believers need to do the same. This is the hour to ask the Lord for wisdom and discernment. It is a good time to read or re-read **The Screwtape Letters** by C.S. Lewis to better understand the quarterback of the Goat Team: *haSatan*, Satan, our real adversary.

Keep your helmet firmly in place! (Eph. 6:17) Keep an eye on Israel, God's timeclock. Prophecy is being fulfilled even as you read this letter. We see the nations of the world coming against Jerusalem, spear-headed by the United Nations. Stand by Israel and God's Word concerning Israel in the FOURTH QUARTER. Pray for God to have mercy on our country, that we might not become a Goat Nation. Speak out in defense of Israel's right to exist. Educate those who don't know that the Palestinians do not just want their own state. They want all of Israel—without Jews! **But God** gave the Land of Israel to the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and chose Jerusalem for Himself. East Jerusalem, as the capital of a Palestinian State, is not a tenable solution.

Reverend Jack Hayford recently published a short paper in which he made an important observation, "*The general attitude of the world today regards the Palestinians as the underdog, but Israel is defending the land covenanted to them in 1917 and established by the United Nations Assembly in 1948. The Palestinian goal is not to secure a homeland, but to drive Israel out altogether. For the sake of mounting public opinion against Israel, surrounding, well-resourced Arab nations have never offered refuge to the Palestinians. The majority of the world doesn't know this, and nobody is bothering to tell them because sympathies are so overridden by other forces.*" We recommend that you order a copy of "The Watchmen on the Wall Training Manual." It has been compiled to train you to effectively communicate with people and intercede to God for Israel. (www.kairosresourcecenter.com)

The clock is ticking. "*The kingdom of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever!*" (Rev. 11:15)

We thank God for each of you this Thanksgiving Season, and for Yeshua's promise found in Hebrews 13:5, "...I will never leave you or forsake you."

We win! Love in Messiah, Mei & Jamie

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SAT 10:30 PM	FL	West Palm Beach	WFGC TV 61
SUN 2:30 PM	GA	Columbus	WYBU TV 16
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SUN 12:00 PM	OR	Salem	K21GX TV 21

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