Thriving In A "Joint" Compound



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Webster's Dictionary has much to teach us about unity through the joint concept-

- a. A place or part at which two or more things are joined. A place or assembly where you are called to be jointed.
- b. A way [halacha] in which two or more things are joined: a PLACE where Yahshua is Master and Adonai determines halacha, or the way to walk.
- c. A point of articulation between two or more bones, especially such a connection that allows motion. A building or dwelling. Shared by or common to two or more. Sharing with another or others: *a joint tenant*. Formed or characterized by cooperation or united action: *joint military maneuvers*. Involving both houses of a legislature: *a joint session of Congress*. <u>Law</u>. Regarded <u>as one legal body; united in identity</u> of interest or liability. <u>Idiom: out of joint</u> -Not harmonious; inconsistent. Out of order; inauspicious or unsatisfactory. In bad spirits or humor; out of sorts.

In Scripture a joint is a metaphor for UNITY in purpose and doctrine! We need to be jointed BEFORE we can walk in it! Unity doesn't just come! Its is purposed! Every individual in an assembly must be purposed to being in one accord with the leadership. Those who are not determined to

seek jointedness cannot walk worthy of a halacha of love, humility, patience and love. Rebels do not seek jointedness and thus highlight, or choose to highlight differences rather than highlighting agreement. Free thinkers are not YHWH thinkers. Progress is determined by unity. Unity starts in the heart of each member. It must be fought for and then guarded. It may result in you losing pride, and friendships. It is a prerequisite to loyalty! You cannot guard that unity by lending your ear to opinionated people, who hold opinions contrary to the generally held view of the local assembly.

Ephesians 4-I therefore, the prisoner of יהושע, beg of you that your halacha is worthy of the rank to which you are called,

- 2 With all humility and meekness, with patience, bearing with one another in ahava;
- 3 Being eager to guard the unity of the Ruach in the bond of shalom.

Unity starts by purpose and determination in the heart. It is a predisposition of the heart, an act of loyal submission, that can later be guarded. You cannot guard something that isn't first established by the Ruach in your heart.

4 There is one body and one Ruach, even as you are called in one tikvah of your calling;

5 One Master יהוה, one emunah, one mikvah,

A local assembly must all hold to unity, or jointedness in all matters, even in doctrine. It is up to the people to align their doctrines with the leadership in order to both bring and then preserve unity. Those who cannot purpose to work at that must move on. But they cannot remain without the judgment of YHWH falling upon them. One may be correct in doctrine, yet under a corrective judgment for flaunting, or holding on to a

dissenting opinion. YHWH has issued a call to come together around Yahshua and not only Yahshua, but also Yahshua's proven and tested leaders in a local Nazarene Yisraelite assembly. Disunity AND DOCTRINAL DIFFERENCES is only allowed if and when leadership has entered into CLEAR heresy. We must adopt the leader's biblical doctrine for the GREATER GOOD of the message and the guarding of unity. OUCH!

- 6 One אלהא and Abba of us all, who is above us all, and through us all, and in you all.
- 7 But to every one of us is given unmerited favor according to the measure of the gift of the Moshiach.
- 11 And He gave some, shlichim; and some, neviim; and some, proclaimers; and some, roehim and morim;
- 12 For the perfecting of the Yisraelite kidushim, for the mitzvoth of service, for the rebuilding of the body of Moshiach:
- 13 Until we all come into the unity of national emunah, and the full da'at of the Son of יהוה, into a mature and perfect man, according to the same measure and the same stature of the fullness that Moshiach Himself has:

 As stable and in one accord with Abba, as Yahshua Himself is! That takes work! Most of us are not willing to work at this, as it's easier to dissent and flaunt our freedom to think!
- 14 That we should no longer be children, tossed around, and carried away with every wind of teaching, by the tricks of men, and human cleverness, used by those who lie in wait to deceive you;
- 15 But speaking the emet in ahava, that we may progress and grow through Him, who is the Head of kol Yisrael, even the Moshiach:

Growth is achieved by all MAKING sure and purposing to believe and stand fast in what Yahshua is ministering to the pulpit! The pulpit is hallowed ground! Kadosh ground. Do you see it that way?

16 From whom the whole body joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the working of every member doing its share, causing growth for the body, building itself up in ahava. Every joint must provide support for what the Head is revealing!

17 This I say therefore, and testify in יהוה, that from now on you conduct your halacha not as other gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

Gentiles boast in the individuality and personal opinions. Yisraelites follow the lead of the leadership in a matter even when those matters may be perplexing. YHWH is waiting for you to be jointed FULLY. Any other thinking is vanity.

18 Having their binah darkened, being alienated from the chayim of YHWH through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their lev:

They are ignorant that unity PRIOR to comprehension is the key. If your in BYS that indicates to YHWH and to Yisrael that you have purposed beforehand to be in unity, regardless of the cost in pride or effort! YHWH blesses that determination.

Col. 2:19-And not holding to the Head, from which all the body knit together by joints and ligaments receives nourishment, and grows with the increase of אלהא. Note that the entire body must be nourished with the same food. Thus each member must eat and appreciate and acknowledge

the nourishment of the food and that the Head is actually present through the leadership.

Beresheeth 32:25-And when the Man saw that He prevailed not against him, the Man touched the hollow of Yaakov's thigh; and the hollow of Yaakov's thigh was out of joint, as the Man wrestled with Yaakov.

A disjointed believer like Yaakov thinks he is merely differing/wrestling with a man, but that Man was really Yahshua. Same in Yahshua's assembly. When we constantly voice opinions contrary to the established teaching we think we are thus entitled but often can be actually resisting the Head whose trying to flow tov things downward to nourish all the joints.

<u>Daniel 5:6</u>-Then the melech's face was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosed, and his knees knocked one against another. Many congregations cannot function because the leadership allows peoples knees to knock against the Head, and the leadership. We must call men to determine and purpose unity and stop the collision and fracturing of knees.

Psalm 22:14 I am poured out like mayim, and all My bones are out of joint: My lev is like wax; it is melted in the midst of My inward parts.

In the remez, or hint application, Yahshua weeps as He see all the joints in his body disconnected, all believing and teaching their own doctrines and what they feel comes into their heart. We must be confident that what is taught in a local body, or place where all these joints come together is flowing from the Head, allowing us to overlook small inconsistencies. The general direction and embracing the general direction keeps the body

flowing and moving. Entertaining interpretations not taught from the bema causes motion to cease and, or be severely restricted.

Mishle 25:19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

A person must be joined and jointed in the body through unity before he can be trusted. If he speaks against the leaders, disguising it as an alternate view, he will speak about you to others when he disagrees with you. We are not here by, or due to full agreement, but by a mutual call to GET into agreement!

Romans 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of יהוה, and joint-heirs with Moshiach; so that since we suffer with Him, we will also be esteemed together.

We are joined to Yahshua's inheritance and to each other, who are Yahshua's inheritance. That's why people with ongoing different personal opinions, will cause movement and progress to cease and or be restricted.

Zacharyah 11:7 So I will feed the flock destined for slaughter, even you, O poor of the flock. And I took to Myself two staffs; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Unity; and I fed the flock. Leaders must call for unity in order for the flock to be fed. Lack of unity, including doctrinal unity, will cause schism and lack of provision for the entire flock.

Tehillim 133:1 Hinay ma-tov uma-nayim shevet achim gam yachad!

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head; that ran down upon the beard, even Aharon's beard: that went down to the collar of his robe;

3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descends upon the mountains of Tzion: for there יהוה commands the bracha, even chayim leolam-va-ed. Shalom be upon Yisrael!

Acts 2: 44 And all that believed were echad, and had all things be-yachad;

Acts 4:32 And the multitude of them that believed were echad: no one claimed that any of the things, which he possessed, was his own; [including no personal revelation] but they had all things be-yachad. In order to achieve these, personal views had to be put aside.

Ways to nourish healthy joints (connectors) in the joint compound-

- 1.) Proper Diet-If different joints feed on differing diets, the body will become worn, weary and unbalanced. Phil. 1:27, 4:5. All believers must be sharing a common spiritual diet. The dietician is the local leadership wholly submitted to YHWH.
- 2.) Spiritual Exercise-All joints in their body must follow the same exercise program. We can't for instance have some working out on the feasts and others excersing on X Mass. First Timothy 4:6-11. All believers must work out with the same program. The personal trainer is the leadership wholly submitted to YHWH.
- 3.) Nourishing Supplements- Joint health care can be promoted with supplements. But a wrong dosage, or application can be harmful to the body. In the Spirit, joints can consume the wrong supplements when the individual chooses the supplements and the dosage! When left to their own, each individual is liekly to determine their own dosage. In the Spirit, supplements represent additional, or extra or unbiblical things like demonic views of Kabala, Talmud, reincarnation, or assigning seer status to Ellen G. White for example. In extreme cases supplements can replace the balanced diet of the word of YHWH, just like in the natural some people stop eating nutriously and then pile up on the supplements instead

of true food. Matthew 4:4, says we are to nourish the joints by the word and by and through every word from YHWH! Many joints cease to function because people have denied the sufficiency of the word and have placed supplements in a primary rather than a secondary position.