

## **My walk His Way**

Hello from MKI studios my name is Isaac Larsen. I was born in 1999 in Toledo, Ohio. Since 2008 I have lived and bounced around a bit in Southeast Minnesota, eventually settling in the quiet and reserved town of Wykoff. My parents have deeply influenced my faith and beliefs. I have watched them throughout my life and have modeled myself after them in certain ways. At the early age of five, I had decided based on all that I knew at the time, to accept who I knew as Jesus into my heart. It wasn't until I was 8, that I received a King James Bible as a birthday present. This got me started in reading His Word. At the time the Bible was very hard for me to understand and I wasn't very adapted at the art of study. It wasn't until I was 14 that I began to learn how to critically study the Bible after my mom taught me how. Even after this I still found it a challenge to read it. As time has gone on though I find that I strive to read the Bible daily.

During this time of studying and learning both my mom and dad gave me several areas to study and muse on. One of these studies which was given to me by my dad was in the book Colossians. This is where I learned of the importance of being "born again". I willingly chose to be baptized and got baptized by my dad when I was 15 in the Root River which is near my home. Being baptized was one thing but being able to listen for God was a step I had and still have yet to master. My dad brought this to my attention before my decision to be baptized. Since being baptized I've learned to better hear what Yah is saying. Sometimes He just gives encouragement. Other times it's more about accountability and how you handled certain things. He might help you handle a certain situation simply by reminding you that you should honor Him. While this isn't always a frequent occurrence for me, it has steadily grown in frequency and even clarity.

My dad also brought to mind that it isn't just about praying, studying, or doing things that you think make Him happy. It is about listening for the voice of God to speak and direct. A very interesting thing I took away from what my dad described to me is that a lot of times He will speak when you pray and read the scripture. This maybe something He's teaching you about yourself say a gift or fault. It maybe something that pleases Him that you either do or don't do. I can tell you there are several things that Yah has taught me about something because I prayed, read, and listened. It isn't always easy to hear Him but it's a skill that comes with action, practice, and patience.

### **The Call to get Back to the Root**

Our whole family started to learn about what is known as "The Hebrew Roots of Faith" around 2012. Although we do not define our faith as a part of this current movement, our lives have been one of repentance and growth in keeping Shabbat, following the 10 commandments, among other Covenant blessings. Change came with time and careful study with a few important lessons learned about who we as non-Jews or Gentiles are called to be.

Firstly, we are Jews inwardly not outwardly. We take what is Biblical and apply it to our lives. The traditions and practices they have don't necessarily have to be adopted. I'd recommend reading Romans to get a firmer grasp of who we are supposed to be as a set-apart people. It's not a study to take lightly either as many of the things that are written require you go and dig into the old testament which is the Tanak in Hebrew.

Secondly, we learned that there are things the Jews have done such as adding the Mishnah and Talmud that do not have to be adopted or practiced. While I won't dissuade anyone for looking into it, I personally found most of it is not reflective of scripture and even nullifies or contradicts scripture. Take Matthew 15 for example. The traditions they had and might still have nullified the very commands Yah gave to them from Moses specifically about honoring Father and mother. If you're ever reading any of the accounts of Yahushua specifically the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, watch for His interactions with the Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees. Shabbat is another one that is muddled by the Mishnah and Talmud that Yah also had challenged them on, funnily enough with the Tanak itself!

Thirdly we are not the root the Jews collectively Israel are. I've seen many ignore the Old Testament/Tanak by using statements like, it's for the Jews only, Yahushua fulfilled the law so we don't have to, the Jews are no longer the root/ the church we are, and it could go on and on. None of these arguments hold any water. If you read the first book of the New Testament or Brit Hadassah, you'll discover immediately that the very birth of Yahushua fulfills Prophecy by prophets from the Tanak. He always defended and used teaching from the Tanak both to challenge and to encourage. He knew it, observed it, and so should we. We are not asking for legalism. That cannot save you. Only Yahushua's death which worked hand and hand with the Tanak can save you. He's after a relationship with us all. You must love Yah because He first loved you. You are not supposed to get it right away. It took us as a family a long time to reach this point. Use what time you have and start on the Journey of the ancient path that has always been there.

Today I now call my Savior and Messiah Yahushua instead of Jesus. He is also my Rabbi, my High Priest, and so much more. These terms may rattle the religious, but it is about my relationship to Him. I don't have a religion. I just follow Him by His words in the Holy Scriptures of the Tanak-which is the Old Testament or as I call it, The 1<sup>st</sup> Covenant, and the Brit Hadassah which is the New Testament, which I personally call, The 2<sup>nd</sup> Covenant.

He is a King of a kingdom and rules the Universe whether you see it or not. As I learned, I began to take interest in the studio, and wanted to support my family by taking on some of the things we do here. I am a learning graphical editor, designer, videographer, and video editor. I am also a beginner in learning Hebrew. It is my hope you enjoy what we are presenting here at the studios and on the website. Things have been slow, and I can personally say that I share some of the blame. However, I have been encouraged by Yah himself about my place and call on my life. Despite losing my mom who was a great part of my life I still believe in Yah. I have even been more productive, more studious, more attentive to the things Yah has given me. I still fall short in areas of my walk. As time goes on, I seek to bless Yah and give Him more and more. I pray His word speaks to you as it has spoken to me. If you ever come to southeast Minnesota in the beautiful Bluff Country, stop on by! We are open Mon – Fri 10-5 for any visitors who just want to know more. Until then, this is Isaac Larsen from MKI studios. Shalom.