



Covenant Branch Fellowship

A Genesis Journey – Part 2

Genesis 1:2

And the Spirit of Elohim was brooding over the face of the waters. – Why?

Genesis 1:2

And the earth came to be formless and empty, and darkness was on the face of the deep.
And the Spirit of Elohim was moving on the face of the waters.

Footnote: Or the earth became.

Last Week

We discussed how we must first lay a proper foundation.

Matthew 7:21-27 – The two foundations (The Rock & The Sand), The two men (The Wise Man and The Foolish Man).

And we know that many of us are here today because we had become disillusioned by the foundation or cornerstone that we have laid or the one given to us.

We also briefly discussed **The 7 Questions to Biblical Context** and that there is a proper order in which we must ask these questions.

Throughout this series, I will continue this approach.

The 7 Questions to Biblical Context

1. Who said it?
2. When was it said?
3. Where was it said?
4. What was said?
5. Who was it said to?
6. Why was it said?
7. What Does ‘The Whole Council’ of Elohim’s Word Say?

We spoke about Critical Thinking and how it will help us to get to the truth.

Critical Thinking

Critical Thinking is the analysis of facts to form a judgment.

Critical Thinking is also self-directed, self-disciplined, self-monitored, and self-corrective thinking.

Critical Thinking will help us to get to the truth.

We discussed that the reason we don’t have all truth is because we have leaven in our thinking.

Leaven can cause us to suffer in many ways and we haven’t a clue to really how much leaven is in us.

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And, just like the woman who was deceived in the garden, the very nature of deception is that you do not know you are deceived and that we are that woman.

The very nature of leaven is that we do not know we have leaven nor really how much is I us.

Lastly, I want to remind us of Exodus chapter 20 verse 25.

[When you build your alter...](#)

Exodus 20:25

And if you make Me a slaughter-place of **stone**, do not build it of cut stone, for if you use your chisel on it, you have profaned it.

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The Description of today's Teaching

As a part of my Genesis Journey, what I am about to and continue to share, is what Yah, I believe has given me over the course of the last 5 plus years of this journey.

And this is what I will continue to give to you as Yah continues to speak to me through these first few chapters of Genesis.

In today's teaching, we will be looking at Genesis 1:2:

But before we do, I want to give to you some more about **The 7 Questions to Biblical Context.**

The What vs. The Why - Passion vs. Purpose

Testimony - Genesis 2-3 vs. Ephesians 5

Give testimony regarding Ephesians 5 and my Genesis Journey.
Please understand that this is just one aspect of my Genesis Journey.

(Give Testimony) This is how I was Designed. This is my purpose. (Just be led by the Ruach)

This was the beginning or a part of what I believe, of getting a proper foundation.
Before that, at best all I had was a foundation built on emotion.
I was lacking a true purpose.

Is the outcome of our actions determined by our intention (purpose)? Yes!

As a part of why I started this journey, I want to take a look at Passion vs. Purpose.

Passion (n.): strong and **barely** controllable emotion.

Purpose (n.): the **reason(purpose)** for which something is done or created or for which something exists.

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Passion vs. Purpose – What’s the Difference and Why Does It Matter?

#1. Passion is for you and purpose is for others

The inward vs. The outward

Where passion is what the world gives you, and purpose is what you give to the world.

#2. Passion is about emotions, while purpose is the reason behind your emotions

Another take on passion vs. purpose is based on emotions.

While passion is something that excites you and lights a fire of emotions inside of you, purpose is the driving reason behind emotions.

#3. Passion is your “what” and Purpose is your “why”

Similar to the emotional take on passion vs. purpose, this one, outlines each according to your “what” and “why,” your passion being your “what” and your purpose being your “why.”

Just like your emotions, your passions in this sense of “what” can be developed. Rather than an emotion, though, this view of passion is based on a skill level or topic of interest.

#4. Passions are multiple and purpose is singular

Finally, another way of viewing the difference between passion vs. purpose is in quantity.

It’s common to have several passions and only one purpose.

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How and Why – Much borrowed from Steven Bradley

The How (What) and Why

“Give a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime.”

In a sense how and why works a little like that.

Techniques (the how) give you fish. They give you a specific solution to a specific problem, but without more, they don't teach you to solve other problems or even customize the one solution. If you learn enough techniques, you'll certainly learn how to solve many problems in many ways. And if you spend some time digging into the how of a technique, you'll certainly learn how to customize it.

That digging is part of the why. The problem with skipping the why is it leads to a tendency to copy and paste solutions. **It lacks the understanding to determine if you're copying a good solution.**

[This is how we typically start our journey in understanding the how.](#)

Copying is where learning starts, but to truly understand how something works you need to understand why it works. You need to study it. You need to tear it apart and put it back together. When you understand the why you can weave something of your own into the mix and better apply what you know in different variations and in different contexts.

How is Important

How is important — You need to know how to do something in order to do it.

How is easy — It's a recipe. You can copy how and get it to work.

How can be automated — It's an algorithm with repeatable steps. If you only know the how you can and probably will be easily replaced

How gives you tools — It gives you the ability to solve specific problems.

How is practical — We have problems. How gives us the means to solve them

How gives you experience — This is it's greatest strength. You can study the why all you want, but there's a level of understanding you can only get from doing and from experiencing something.

I also want to point out that if you do the how again and again you do start to understand the why behind it. If all you do is copy and paste a bit of code here and there, you don't get much of anything, but if you start to look deeper you can get quite a lot out of it.

[Again, this is how we typically start our journey in understanding the how.](#)

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Why is Important

Why is important — It teaches which how to apply and gives you the ability to create your own how.

Why is hard — It has no recipe to follow.

Why can't be automated — It doesn't have an algorithm. If you understand the why you become that much less replaceable.

Why is open to interpretation — It doesn't always have a clear answer.

Why leads to deeper understanding — Having to continually question interpretations leads to new levels of understanding.

Why gives you the experience of others — This is why's great strength. It keeps you from having to reinvent the wheel and gives you the context to understand and interpret your own experience.

The Why gives you a perspective. It gives you the big picture view. Where how is the trees, why is the forest.

Why helps you make connections between different how's and shows you how to find your own how where one doesn't yet exist. It sets you apart, because it's not repeatable.

Both how and why are important and each should feed the other. As you learn how to do more things your experience should inform your thoughts about why it all works. As you learn more why let it inform the techniques you use in order to better choose them and invent new ones.

Summary

One more time I do hope it's clear I think both how and why are important. Neither without the other is as strong as the two together. They reinforce each other and improve each other. More how gives you a deeper understanding of why and more why gives you a deeper understanding of how.

We tend to focus on the how of things at the neglect of the why. When you have a deadline, you don't necessarily care about why something works as long as it does.

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Power of WHY

Knowing the WHY is Critical for Success:

The WHY is the Purpose and That Drives Achievement...

Why, is the most important question for any organizations to achieve success. The ‘Why’ is what drives leaders, or at least should. According to **Brian Etheridge**; knowing ‘why’ allows leaders to make prudent decisions. Knowing the Why sets the priority, establishes the value of the organization, determines timing (When), influences What and How decisions, and affects which resources to use (Who). Knowing the Why simply means understanding the purpose of what you are doing before you do it... Some will refer to it as the ‘guiding principle’ or the ‘primary objective’. They all mean the same thing: understand the purpose of the activity...

Most people focus on– the What and the How, i.e.; what are you going to do and how are you going to do it? These are the questions that everyone in the organization must know. Important questions with necessary answers, **yet wholly incomplete without the ‘Why’**. In typical organization, the procedures are the How, the policy is the What, and the reason for having the policies and procedures is the ‘Why’. A leader’s job is to know ‘Why’ organization does something. When you do not know ‘Why’, how do you know it’s worth doing? Those in an organization who know the ‘Why’ will always be more valuable than those who know the What and the How– and they give more value to the organization...

In the article Importance of Knowing Why by **Patrick Sweet** writes: Knowing ‘Why’ is single most important question you can ask to drive a business towards being the best it can be. When you think of sustaining a business, most people ask the ‘how’ questions, i.e.; How can I do that faster? How can I be more effective? How can I get more done? These are great questions to ask; in fact, you should always ask these questions– there’s nearly always room to become more effective and more efficient in your tasks...

However, the problem with asking these questions is that they focus on tactical to the exclusion of strategic. None of these questions ask Why. Understanding Why you are doing what you are doing is single most important question you can ask with respect to work. Failure to ask and answer that question can be the single greatest oversight a leader or worker makes when it comes to work. Those who ‘do’ have a strong sense of ‘Why’ they are doing their work and are more effective and efficient in everything they do...

‘Why’ serves as a **compass** in the messy day-to-day work. It’s so easy to get caught-up in minutiae of chasing things, formatting reports, reading emails and attending meetings... that you forget what you are really trying to achieve in the first place. Knowing the ‘Why’ you are doing the work serves two fundamentally important efficiency-related objectives: 1) It **Motivates**. 2) It identifies **Purpose**.

In the article Difference Between Knowing How and Knowing Why by **Dan Oswald** writes: The people in your organization who know How are, no doubt, very important. In fact, the company can’t operate without them. They are the people who come in every day and get things done. Many of them are incredibly good at their work. They might even be some of the best at what they do, but that doesn’t mean they’re capable of moving beyond their current jobs without something more.

Then there are the people who know Why. You know who I’m talking about. The ones who just plain–ol’ get it. Sure, they understand their own work, but they just seem to understand how all the pieces fit together. They know ‘Why’ the organization does what it does, at a macro level. They know what is really important for the organization’s success. **They are the ones who can see the forest for the trees**. And here is the rub, often the people who know ‘How’; are better at doing work than those who know ‘Why’; but those who know ‘Why’ are more valuable to the organization.

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Often, when someone who knows How becomes highly proficient at a task, he or she begins to believe they should be promoted, or be put in the position to call the shots. The thinking goes, e.g; I know more about what I'm doing than my boss does. Why should I report to her or him any longer? What they're missing is the Why factor: They don't know 'Why' certain things are important. They don't understand Why the organization must do certain things for it to be successful. Sure, they can perform specific tasks extremely well, but they don't see the big picture...

Now, here's the million-dollar question: **Can you teach someone to know 'Why'?** Some are OK with just knowing and doing the How, others like to go deeper and know the **Why**. Some people just are not capable of knowing **Why**. Often, it's those who lack the leadership skills to look beyond themselves who get stuck on **How** and can't get to **Why**. And others just aren't capable of putting all the pieces together. They understand their own piece extremely well, but they can't see the importance of the other pieces. So, yes you can teach someone to know '**Why**', but they must be so inclined.

The more a leader can get the organization to rally behind the '**Why**', i.e.; the sense of **purpose** and **mission**... the more it can perform to capacity and even outperform, as they strive to see the '**Why**' to completion... According to **Naphtali Hoff**; when organizations know '**Why**', with less emphasis on **How**, it has much more impact, and it means working to a specific **purpose**. Driving home the importance of knowing the '**Why**' is the first message a leader should deliver.

The last thing you want is an organization operating according to a script without knowing '**Why**'... According to **Frederick Nietzsche**; he or she who knows the '**Why**' can endure any '**How**'. Knowing '**Why**' is important first step in figuring out '**How**' to achieve a specific goal. Indeed, only when you know '**Why**' will you find the courage to take the risks needed to drive ahead and stay motivated...

[Maybe now, we have a better understanding of The How and Why of the The 7 Questions to Biblical Context.](#)

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Genesis 1:2.

And the earth came to be **formless** and **empty**, and **darkness** was on the face of the deep.

And the Spirit of Elohim was **moving** on the face of the waters.

And the Spirit of Elohim was **brooding over** the face of the waters.

Functional and Dysfunctional

FORMLESS

H8414 תהו tohuw (to'-hoo) n-m.

1. a desolation (of surface), i.e. desert.
2. (figuratively) a worthless thing.
3. (adverbially) in vain.

[from an unused root meaning to lie waste]

KJV: confusion, empty place, without form, nothing, (thing of) nought, vain, vanity, waste, wilderness.

EMPTY

H922 בִּהוּw bohuw (bo'-hoo) n-m.

1. a void, vacuity.
2. (superficially) an undistinguishable ruin.

[from an unused root (meaning to be empty)]

KJV: emptiness, void.

DARKNESS

H2822 חֹשֶׁק choshek (cho-shek') n-m.

1. the dark.
2. (literally) darkness.
3. (figuratively) misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness.

[from H2821]

KJV: dark(-ness), night, obscurity.

Root(s): H2821

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My paraphrase of Genesis 1:2

And the earth came into being, being a worthless, desolate, desert, empty and void, an undistinguishable ruin covered in darkness, misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow and wickedness.

Think of this as an Artists Canvas or, maybe even as an Eagles Nest before she lays her eggs.

Genesis 1:1-2

¹ In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth.

² And the earth came to be formless and empty, and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of Elohim was **moving** (brooding) over/above on the face of the waters.

MOVING

H7363 רָחַף rachaph (raw-chaf') v.

1. to brood.

2. (by implication) to be relaxed.

[a primitive root]

KJV: flutter, move, shake.

H2821 חָשַׁק chashak (chaw-shak') v.

1. to be dark (as withholding light).

2. transitively, to darken.

[a primitive root]

KJV: be black, be (make) dark, darken, cause darkness, be dim, hide.

Noah Webster 1828 Dictionary

BROOD, verb intransitive

1. To sit on and cover, as a fowl on her eggs for the purpose of warming them and hatching chickens, or as a hen over her chickens, to warm and protect them.

2. To sit on; to spread over, as with wings; as, to sit brooding over the vast abyss.

3. To remain a long time in anxiety or solicitous thought; to have the mind uninterruptedly dwell a long time on a subject; as, the miser broods over his gold.

4. To mature anything with care.

BROOD, verb transitive to sit over, cover and cherish; as, a hen broods her chickens.

1. To cherish.

You'll brood your sorrows on a throne.

BROOD, noun Offspring; progeny; formerly used of human beings in elegant works, and we have brother, from this word; but it is now more generally used in contempt.

1. A hatch; the young birds hatched at once; as a brood of chickens or of ducks.

2. That which is bred; species generated; that which is produced.

Lybia's broods of poison.

3. The act of covering the eggs, or of brooding. [Unusual.]

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Earth: The Land

H776 אֶרֶץ 'erets (eh'-rets) n-f.

1. The Land (at large), the domain so named by Yahweh.
2. (by partition) a land.
3. (also, in English) the Earth (as in reference to all the soil that covers The Land's surface).
[from an unused root probably meaning to be firm]
KJV: X common, country, earth, field, ground, land, X natins, way, + wilderness, world.

So, what we have here is an earth, that is land, completely covered in water and is described as an abyss.

Baal HaTurim on Genesis 1:2

And the spirit of God was hovering: has a numerical equivalent (gematria) of 'this is the spirit of messiah.'

Ibn Ezra on Genesis 1:2

AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD. Ru'ach (wind) is in the construct with Elohim (God) because it was the medium employed by God to dry the land.

Ibn Ezra on Genesis 1:2

[THE WATERS.] Mayim (waters) is in the plural. It does not come in a singular form. It belongs to the dual forms, the latter being either masculine or feminine. Mayim is also found used in the singular in the water of sprinkling was not dashed against him (Num. 19:13).

Ibn Ezra on Genesis 1:2

[HOVERED.] Merachefet (hovered) means "blowing above the waters." As an eagle...Hovereth (yerachef) over her young (Deut. 32:11), is similar.

Deuteronomy 32:9-11

⁹ "For the portion of יהוה is His people, Ya'aqob His allotted inheritance.

¹⁰ "He found him in a wilderness, And in a wasted, howling desert. He encompassed him, He made him understand, He watched over him as the apple of His eye.

¹¹ "As an eagle stirs up its nest, Flutters over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Bearing them on its wings.

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Back to Genesis 1:1 In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth. Why?

I propose that it was because of His immense love.

And just as He said in Genesis chapter 2, It is not good that man be alone, He also desires a bride that will reciprocate that love.

John 3:16

“For Elohim so loved the world that He gave His only brought-forth Son, so that everyone who believes in Him should not perish but possess everlasting life.

Song of Solomon 8:6-7

⁶ Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as She’ol; Its flames are flames of fire, a flame of Yah!

⁷ Many waters are unable to extinguish love, and floods do not wash it away. If one would give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned.

Psalms 36:7

How precious is **Your loving-commitment**, O Elohim! And the sons of men take refuge in the **shadow of Your wings**.

Ephesians 2:4-7

⁴ But Elohim, who is rich in compassion, because of **His great love** with which **He loved us**, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Messiah – by favor you have been saved – ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenlies in Messiah ⁷ יהושע, in order to show in the coming ages the exceeding riches of His favor in kindness toward us in Messiah יהושע.

Ephesians 3:14-19

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Master יהושע Messiah, ¹⁵ from whom all fatherhood in the heavens and earth is named, ¹⁶ in order that He might give you, according to the riches of His esteem by power, to be strengthened in the inner man, through His Spirit, ¹⁷ that the Messiah might **dwell in your hearts through belief** – having become rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ in order that you might be strengthened to firmly grasp, with all the set-apart ones, what is the **width and length and depth and height**, ¹⁹ to know **the love of Messiah** which surpasses knowledge, in order that you might be filled to all the completeness of Elohim.

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Conclusion...

Now, I hope I have continued to lay a foundation for how do we only begin to answer what should be our very first question.

In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth. – Why
And the Spirit of Elohim was brooding over the face of the waters. – Why? Because of His immense love!

We will continue to develop that theme throughout this teaching series.

We will continue to demonstrate and endeavor in this series, by asking the seventh question.
That is, What Does ‘The Whole Council’ of Elohim’s Word Say?

And indeed, we have done a little of that today as relates to foundation and some of the scriptures presented today.

I hope this was a blessing to you.

Next week, Abba willing, we will move on to verse 3 of Genesis chapter one.