



Dear Precious Friend,

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Troubling Our Cities

But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour. And when her masters saw that their hope of gain was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, drew them into the marketplace to the rulers and brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly **trouble our city**, and teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. *Acts 16:18-21*

The word trouble (ektarassō) means to stir up; disturb or agitate, like stirring up the waters. There has always been a calling on the true follower of Yeshua, both Jew and Gentile to stir up the status quo wherever they go. Those who do good by drawing men away from sin, should expect to be reviled as troublers of the city. Those who shake others out of their false peace and teach them to live godly lives in Christ will be accused of teaching bad customs. Part of our DNA in Yeshua is to **"trouble" the sinful status quo**, awaken the conscience and so set men free. Jesus disturbed the status quo wherever He went, not by turning things upside down, but by turning everything right side up again! Oh, that the world would again say about us that we do exceedingly trouble their city!

For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water; whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. *John 5:4*

The same root word (tarassō) is used here for the troubling of the water at the pool of Bethsaida. In Hebrew, Bethesda means House of Kindness/Mercy. It is always the Lord's mercy to disturb and awaken the conscience of those who are lying around stagnant waters. We, like the angels, are messengers of the gospel who at the right season are sent by God where sick sinners lie, to trouble the waters and cause those who step in to be made whole. I encourage you to follow the Apostle Paul as he followed Yeshua to stir up the cities and the lost all around you.

A team of Israelis from our congregation in Jerusalem recently stepped into the footsteps of the Apostle Paul and came to the New Covenant cities in Greece. It was a small but historic step in the direction of stirring up revival fires to the Jew first and to the Greek in the same Bible region of the Book of Acts. **Please watch the short video (link below)** we made of our step towards this goal:

<https://youtu.be/17RH3VL5M5k>

Please pray and come join us in the Biblelands.

Thanking you so much for your powerful support that makes all this possible! You are a treasure! We will be in Jerusalem for the extended holiday season and would love to see many of you.

In His Love and Footsteps,

Greta

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