

During this preparation month Yah is calling us to watch and pray with Him



40 Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “**What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**” Matthew 26:40-41

Could You (All) Not Tarry an Hour?

In this season of preparation for the fall festivals, as I mentioned last week, our elder team has felt impressed to issue an invitation to our community to enter into a 21-day time of consecration in preparing our hearts and seeking the LORD before the fall festivals. There were four main components of this time that I described in last week's email but the one foundational piece of this time is for each person participating to purpose to a one-hour

set-apart time with YHWH each day. During this time we will worship, read His Word, talk to Him, listen for His voice, and pray for our own needs as well as the needs of others. Folks can even enter into this part of the time without committing to the other components. Although each component benefits the other parts, if you were to do just one part, this would be the one I would encourage you to do.

As I thought and prayed about what to share today I sensed the question that Yeshua gave to His closest friends in the Garden of Gethsemene before He went to the cross. He asked Peter, "Could you (all) not watch with Me one hour?" I sense that as we collectively answer that question daily in this season that there is help that He will grant to us individually and collectively. I find it interesting in this interchange that the "you" that Yeshua asks for is not a singular you (as in addressing Peter singularly) but a plural you as in "all you guys."

I believe there is a plural you invitation in this season for many of us to draw close and to collectively seek Him and cry out to Him for our needs as well as the needs of others. But, each individual person has to decide for themselves whether to connect together as a part of the whole. One of the ways to do this (please note I'm not saying this is the only way) is through this collective 21-day prayer chain commitment that starts this Sunday. Part of what has been put on our heart as Lighthouse elders is to have a collective cry throughout this 21-day time for each participating pray-er to list out a special prayer need as well as one person they are praying for to come to Yeshua. Each person as a part of this prayer wall will consistently pray for these requests as well as each person on that "salvation list."

I sent out a google doc link to our Lighthouse family for this prayer chain. For those who might want to join us or are just interested

in finding out more, just email me and I'll do my best to answer any questions you might have. And if interested we'll make a place for you on the prayer wall and will pray for your loved one too.

I look forward to sharing more about this tomorrow at our service. I'm excited for this season and am expectant as to what Yah wants to do in and through us as we seek Him more wholeheartedly.