UNITY SPIRITUAL CENTER ALBUQUERQUE

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* RECAP OF 12 POWERS
	+ CF WROTE 12 POWERS OF MAN
		- ASSIGNED EACH POWER ONE OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES
		- AND IDENTIFIED THE CENTER OF EACH POWER IN THE HUMAN
			* CF BELIEVED THAT IT WAS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE TWELVE POWERS THAT WOULD BRING US TO FULL EXPRESSION OF THE CHRIST IN US
		- HE REASONED
			* AND IT MAKES SENSE
		- THAT JESUS WAS NOT ABLE TO FULLY EXPRESS HIS POWERS UNTIL HE HAD GATHERED THE TWELVE APOSTLES AROUND HIM
			* IT MAKES SENSE
				+ EVEN THOUGH WE NOW KNOW

AND IN FACT ALWAYS HAVE KNOWN

* + - * + THAT THE ,MAJORITY OF HIS STRONGEST FOLLOWERS

AND STUDENTS

AND PRACTITIONERS

WERE THE WOMEN

* + - FOR THE FIRST THREE CENTURIES AFTER JESUS LIFE
			* MOST CHURCHES WERE HEADED BY WOMEN
				+ THEY WERE THE PRIESTESSES

EVEN THE EARLY BISHOPS

* + - * BISHOP
				+ FROM THE ENGLISH WORD *BISCOUP*

WHICH CAME FROM THE LATIN

*EPISCOPUS*

WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY A GOVERNMENTAL POSITION

OVERSEER

LATER IT WOULD MEAN SOMEONE WHO OVERSAW THE CHURCHES IN THEIR COMMUNITY

AND UNTIL THE MID THIRD CENTURY

MOST WERE WOMEN

* + - DUE TO THE INFLUENCE OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE
			* THE PRIESTHOOD AFTER THE COUNCIL OF NICAEA
				+ WAS PATERNAL

AND MOST OF THE WOMEN WERE WRITTEN OUT OF THE GOSPELS ENTIRELY

OR RELEGATED TO SUBSERVIENT ROLES

* + AND SO FOR 1700 YEARS WE HAVE LIVED IN AND BUILT A MASCULINE, PATERNAL WORLD
		- AND THAT MAY HAVE BEEN NECESSARY TO BRING US TO THIS POINT
			* BUT WE BELIEVE IT IS TIME TO BRING BACK THE DIVINE FEMININE
				+ FOR GOD IS ALL ENERGIES IN BALANCE
		- IF WE WANT TO
			* BRING PEACE TO EARTH
			* CREATE COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION
				+ A WORLD THAT WORKS FOR ALL
			* RESTORE THE ECOLOGICAL BALANCE
				+ WE MUST COME BRING THE ENERGY BACK INTO BALANCE

FOR THAT REASON WE ARE FOCUSING ON THE FEMININE ENERGY OF THE TWELVE POWERS

* + SO FAR
		- JANUARY
			* FAITH – WOMAN WHO TOUCHED JESUS ROBE
				+ JESUS ALWAYS SAID

YOUR FAITH HAS MADE YOU WHOLE

* + - * WOMAN WHO TOUCHED HIM
				+ USED HER POWER OF FAITH TO MOVE HER TO TOUCH THE POINT OF HER BELIEF

JESUS

* + - * + WHICH BROUGHT ABOUT THE HEALING
		- FEBRUARY
			* WE LOOKED AT THE FEMININE POWER OF LOVE WITH PRICILLA
				+ EXPLORED HOW FAITH IN THE MASCULINE ENERGIES IS AN ATTRACTIVE FORCE

WHEN NOT IN BALANCE WITH THE FEMININE

IT IS ABOUT DOMINATING

ACQUIRING

THROUGH CONQUEST ETC.

POSSESSING

OFTEN WITH NO RECOGNITION OF CONSEQUENCES

* + - * + FEMININE ENERGY BRINGS IN THE PROJECTION OF LOVE AS AN ENERGY

GIVING AND RECEIVING

* + - * + WHEN THE POWER OF LOVE IS BALANCED THERE IS

A FLOW

OUT AND IN

GIVING AND RECEIVING

THERE IS AN UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT FOR ALL OF CREATION

* + - * + PRICILLA WAS A POWERFUL WOMAN IN ROME

A PERSONAL STUDENT OF JESUS

AND THE HEAD OF THE FIRST CHURCHES IN ROME

* + - * MARCH
				+ STRENGTH REPRESENTED BY DEBORAH

A JUDGE AND A PROPHET IN THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

DEFEATED THE CANAANITES

THE FEMININE ENERGY OF STRENGTH IS

COMBINED WITH LOVE AND FAITH

TO CREATE AN ENERGY THAT MOVES US THROUGH OUR CHALLENGES AND OBSTACLE IN A GENTLER AND MORE GRACEFUL WAY

* APRIL POWER IS WISDOM
	+ CF CHOSE JAMES THE SON OF ZEBEDEE TO REPRESENT WISDOM
		- AND THE CENTER OF THE STOMACH AS THE BODY POINT OF WISDOM
			* GUT FEELING
		- CONSIDERED WISDOM THE BLEND OF KNOWLEDGE FROM THE HEAD AND THE HEART
			* IT IS THE POWER THAT WE USE WHEN WE JUDGE OUR
				+ WORLD
				+ SELVES
				+ OTHERS
				+ EXPERIENCES

FROM A HIGHER PLACE

RATHER THAN THE REALM OF APPEARANCE

* + - JESUS DEMONSTRATED THIS POWER WHEN HE WAS ABLE TO SEE A PERSON NOT AS THEY WERE PRESENTING
			* BUT AS THEY WERE ON THEIR SPIRITUAL LEVEL
				+ WHOLE, COMPLETE AND PERFECT
* WISE WOMAN OF ABEL-BETH-MAACAH
	+ A WOMAN IN THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES THE MIDRASHIM
		- SERAH, DAUGHTER OF ASHER
			* SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED A TREATY WITH JOAB
				+ WHO HAD BESIEGED THE TOWN OF ABEL-BETH-MAACAH

ABEL – MEADOW

BETH – HOUSE

MAACAH – OPPRESSION

PROBABLY BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION NW OF KINNERETH

CONSTANTLY BEING FAUGHT OVER

INVADED

CONQUERED

SITS ON THE BLUE LINE

LEBANON, SYRIA AND ISRAEL

* + - SERAH IS SO IMPORTANCE IN HER DEMONSTRATION OF WISDOM THAT NOT ONLY IS HER STORY TOLD IN II SAMUEL. 20 THROUGH 28 BUT SHE IS MENTIONED IN
			* PROVERBS
				+ “HER MOUTH IS FULL OF WISDOM”
	+ STORY IN SAMUEL
		- (NOT ALL OF WHICH IS IN THE OLD TEST.)
			* JOAB IS BESIEGING THE VILLAGE AND SERAH COMES OUT FROM BEHIND THE WALLS ASKING IF HE IS JOAB.
				+ JOAB MEANS THE FATHER TO ISRAEL

SHE THEN REPROACHES HIM FOR KILLING HIS OWN PEOPLE.

SHE THEN ASKS

“JOSHEB BASSHAEBETH A TAHCHEMONITE?

ARE YOU SITTING ON THE SEAT OF WISDOM?

DO YOU REALLY KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING?

* + - * SHE UNDERSTOOD THAT ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF WAR IN HER DAY
				+ AS DEFINED IN DUET. 20;10

WHEN YOU APPROACH A TOWN TO ATTACK IT, YOU SHALL OFFER IT TERMS OF PEACE.” ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF WAR, YOU MUST ADDRESS A VERBAL APPEAL TO THE CITY BEFORE YOU ATTACK IT

* + - JOAB ASKS WHO SHE THINKS SHE IS
			* “I AM ONE OF THOSE WHO SEEK THE WELFARE OF THE FAITHFUL [SHELOMEI EMUNEI] IN ISRAEL,. DO YOU REALLY WANT TO KILL US ALL?
				+ TO WHICH JOAB REPLIES

“FAR BE IT FROM ME, FAR BE IT FROM DAVID, FAR BE IT FROM HIS KINGDOM. IT IS SHEBA SON OF BICHRI, A SCOUNDREL, A FLAWED INDIVIDUAL (PHYSICALLY AS WELL) AND AN IDOLATER, WHOM I SEEK.” THE WOMAN TOLD HIM: “STAND WHERE YOU ARE, AND I WILL BRING YOU HIS HEAD, AND THE ENTIRE CITY WILL BE AT PEACE.” THE RABBIS ASK HOW THE WOMAN KNEW, BEFORE SHE ASKED THEM, THAT THE TOWNSPEOPLE WOULD BEHEAD SHEBA SON OF BICHRI. THE RABBIS RESPOND THAT THIS ANSWER ALSO INDICATES HER WISDOM. SHE KNEW THAT WHOEVER REBELLED AGAINST THE DAVIDIC MONARCHY WAS SENTENCED BY HEAVEN TO HAVE HIS HEAD DETACHED FROM HIS BODY.

* + - * + SHE THEN GIVES A LONG DISCOURSE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN

“KNOW THAT JOAB AND ALL ISRAEL ARE ASSEMBLED OUTSIDE THE TOWN AND SEEK TO KILL US, OUR SONS AND OUR DAUGHTERS.” THEY ASKED HER: “AND WHAT DO THEY WANT?”

 SHE ANSWERED: “TO KILL ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE. IS IT NOT WORTHWHILE TO GIVE A THOUSAND PEOPLE, TO SAVE THE ENTIRE CITY FROM DESTRUCTION?” THEY RESPONDED: “EACH ONE WILL GIVE ACCORDING TO WHAT HE HAS.” SHE CONTINUED: “PERHAPS JOAB WILL GO DOWN FROM THE NUMBER THAT HE DEMANDED IF WE MOLLIFY HIM.” SHE PRETENDED TO BE ON HER WAY TO APPEASE HIM AND THEN RETURNED AND TOLD THE TOWNSPEOPLE: “JOAB HAS BEEN MOLLIFIED, AND NOW HE WANTS FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE, INSTEAD OF A THOUSAND. BUT PERHAPS IF I APPEASE HIM HE WILL GO DOWN FROM THIS NUMBER.” SO SHE WENT AND RETURNED, AND SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN PLACATED AND ANTED ONLY A HUNDRED, AND THEN, ONLY TEN. FINALLY, SHE SAID TO THEM: “HE ONLY WANTS ONE MAN, WHO IS A LODGER [I.E., NOT FROM OUR CITY].” THEY ASKED HER: “AND WHO IS HE?” SHE REPLIED: “SHEBA SON OF BICHRI.” THE TOWNSPEOPLE IMMEDIATELY WENT AND CUT OFF SHEBA SON OF BICHRI’S HEAD, AND GAVE IT TO JOAB. THE THREAT OF WAR WAS LIFTED FROM THE TOWN, AND JOAB LEFT WITHOUT HARMING THEM .

* + - * THAT IS BRUTAL BY OUR STANDARDS TODAY
				+ BUT WE CANNOT JUDGE HISTORY BY OUR STANDARDS TODAY

THE MIDRASHIM THOSE WHO STUDY THE MIDRASH

COMPARE THIS WOMAN’S ASTUTENESS TO THE WISDOM OF ABRAHAM WHEN HE CAME BEFORE GOD TO PLEAD FOR SODOM (GEN. RABBAH LOC. CIT.). SOLOMON LAUDED THE WISE WOMAN FROM ABEL-BETH-MAACAH WHEN HE SAID ([ECCL. 9:18](https://www.sefaria.org/Ecclesiastes.9.18?lang=he-en&utm_source=jwa.org&utm_medium=sefaria_linker)): “WISDOM IS MORE VALUABLE THAN WEAPONS OF WAR”; THIS WOMAN’S WISDOM WAS SUPERIOR TO ALL OF JOAB’S WEAPONS.

* + DESPITE THE BRUTALITY OF THIS STORY
		- WE CAN DISCOVER THAT WHEN THE FEMININE ENERGY OF WISDOM IS USED
			* WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO
				+ SPEAK EFFECTIVELY

RATHER THAN USE FORCE TO ACHIEVE OUR PURPOSES

* + - * + TO BE CREATIVE IN OVERCOMING OUR CHALLENGES

AND AS JESUS KNEW

TO RECOGNIZE THE TRUTH OF OURSELVES AND OTHERS

AND FACILITATE AN AWAKENING TO THAT TRUTH

* USING OUR POWER OF WISDOM CF
	+ THE THREE DISCIPLES WHO WERE WITH JESUS ON PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT OCCASIONS IN HIS LIFE WERE PETER, REPRESENTING FAITH, AND THE BROTHERS JAMES AND JOHN, STANDING FOR WISDOM AND LOVE …
	+ FAITH, WISDOM, AND LOVE MUST BE BROUGHT INTO EVERYTHING YOU DO
		- WISDOM WITHOUT LOVE IS COLD.
		- BUT LOVE WITHOUT WISDOM IS MISGUIDED AND IMPETUOUS
	+ WISDOM, THE HIGHEST FORM OF SPIRITUAL KNOWING, INCLUDES
		- DIVINE JUDGMENT,
		- DISCRIMINATION,
		- INTUITION,
			* AND OTHER ACTIVITIES OF MIND THAT COME UNDER THE HEADING OF PURE KNOWING.
	+ WISDOM IS NOT DEPENDENT ON
		- REASONING,
		- INTELLECTUAL UNDERSTANDING,
		- OR DEDUCTION.
			* IT SIMPLY SHINES AS THE LIGHT FROM WITHIN THAT ILLUMINES THE WAY AND REVEALS WHATEVER NEEDS TO BE SHOWN AT A PARTICULAR TIME
* USING OUR POWER OF WISDOM FROM THE FEMININE ENERGY
	+ "NO MATTER WHERE WE LIVE, WE'RE ENCOURAGED TO GO TOWARD THE MASCULINE OR OUTER QUALITIES, TOWARDS OUR 'FATHER'S HOUSE.'
		- THAT IS, THE WORLD OF
			* PERFORMANCE,
			* CONCRETE RESULTS AND
			* RATIONAL THOUGHT,"
		- SO OFTEN, OUR 'MOTHER'S HOUSE' - FEMALE WISDOM - IS PUT DOWN.
			* IT'S NOT IMPORTANT.
			* IT'S NOT USEFUL.
				+ THOSE QUALITIES OF

 DEEP INTUITION,

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

CAPACITY TO CULTIVATE AN 'INNER' LIFE."

ARE FOUND IN OUR MOTHERS HOUSE

THE FEMININE ASPECT OF GOD

* + - WHEN THE FEMININE ENERGY OF WISDOM IS IN FULL EXPRESSION WITH THE MASCULINE ENERGY OF WISDOM
			* AND UNITY WITH THE FULL SPECTRUMS OF LOVE AND STRENGTH
				+ WE MAKE SPIRITUALLY ENLIGHTENED\

CHOICES

DECISIONS

* + - AND THE WORLD IS A BETTER PLACE
			* AND WE ARE BETTER HUMANS