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Right doctrine must result in right practice... right? This kicks off a new series of short features spotlighting ministries that speak the truth with their hands. **Ruth Kennedy** tells us about *The Jacob Plan*...

Jesus is still changing lives! He was a born a Jew, grew up with Jewish teachings and spoke Hebrew. This was revolutionary to me when I first heard it.

After many years of ‘traditional church’ teachings and with a good dose of my own assumptions I found myself constantly searching for the hidden meaning in the Scriptures, unsure of its absoluteness. I did not understand why on almost every page I saw the word Israel or reference to the Jewish people. That is until I began to earnestly seek my Lord, I wanted what was important to Him to be important to me.

My church, the Church at Stirling was instrumental in revealing the truth of the Hebraic roots of our Judeo-Christian faith and the importance of Israel – the land and the people – to OUR EVER FAITHFUL GOD. I was being re-educated on every aspect within the Scriptures and began to understand the mind of Christ (1 Cor2:16), thinking Hebrew not Greek! My trust in God’s Word was restored. God meant what He said. When God says He makes an everlasting covenant, it really is an everlasting promise. True to Hebraic approach, I was disciplined to live this out and let it affect not just my thinking, but my words, my actions. I repented and forgave those who had taught replacement theology whether in error or ignorance. **I found my faith greatly strengthened as I grew ever surer of God’s word and His faithfulness to what He says in His Holy Scriptures.**

What is *The Jacob Plan*?

Could you imagine an entire local church committed to approaching scripture from its Hebraic Origins and committed to blessing Israel? That’s what our Church is committed to and this revelation and approach has changed my walk with Jesus. *The Jacob Plan* is a ministry within The Church at Stirling that exists to resource the Body of Christ with these core values. They are;

- Approaching the Scriptures from their Hebraic Origins and
- Exploring the Scriptural basis for blessing Israel

The Jacob Plan is motivated by an unwavering belief that the Scriptures are the infallible Word of the Lord and as such we can stand strong on topics and issues that are as old as the Scriptures are themselves. Along with this steadfast belief in the Word of the Lord *The Jacob Plan* is inspired by love, for without love we are but a clanging cymbal. So *The Jacob Plan* reaches out in love to give the message of truth about God’s everlasting love for Israel – the land and the people.

How do we do that?

Our Pastor, Rev Dr Jon Cluett teaches the Church at Stirling the Scripture from its Hebraic origin and teaches at our annual *Jerusalem Conference*. This is a day set apart for in-depth teaching on the Hebraic roots which is open to all. It is always a day full of revelations, inspirations from the Holy Spirit and fellowship! *The Jacob Plan* also ministers at other Churches and organisations and we regularly host guest speaker events which are open to all on *The Jacob Plan* mailing list. Please contact to join.

Additionally, *The Jacob Plan* hosts the Scottish Night to Celebrate Israel. We believe raising a voice that seeks to support and do good to the Nation of Israel and her people is an expression of our Christian faith and trust in Him, and is something that we consider to be our *duty* as believers (Romans 15:27b). The Scriptures teach us that faith without works is dead (James 2:17) and we are righteously compelled to express our faith in relation to Israel in such a way as to bless Her (Genesis 12:3). By the Lord's grace we host this evening in Glasgow and gather an unprecedented number of Christians and Jews from across the UK and beyond to give voice to our support for Israel. The Night involves worship, various keynote speakers, and an offering to help Jews make Aliyah (return to their homeland). We do not give prior announcement of the key speakers nor share a meal to ensure the focus of the evening is thanking the LORD for Israel.

How do you do that?

Jesus is a revolutionary. His purpose is life changing, and we as His disciples are called to be revolutionaries too. We are to use our voice to be for the things that He is for. God keeps His promises. The nations need to see His undeviating faithfulness to the people He created. When a voice is motivated by love it is a voice that is revolutionary. For *The Jacob Plan* this means raising a unified Christian voice to our Lord and the world that we believe the Holy Scriptures are truth, we stand for this truth and we stand to bless Israel – the land and the people. We welcome you to be part of *The Jacob Plan* ministry by joining your voice with ours. Please email or call for more information, to book a table or seat at The Scottish Night to Celebrate Israel on October 13, 2013.

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The Jewish people have never had to look far for their enemies. But God promised them faithful love and expects Gentile believers to express His heart.