

JOURNEY WITH THE RABBI

7 Day Devotional

FROM SCARLET TO WHITE

Why Stripping Precedes True Clothing

OPENING TEXT

Matthew 27:27-31 TLV

"Then the governor's soldiers took Yeshua into the Praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around Him. They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe around Him. And after braiding a crown of thorns, they placed it on His head and put a staff in His right hand. And falling on their knees before Him, they mocked Him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on Him, and they took the staff and beat Him over and over on the head. When they finished mocking Him, they stripped the robe off Him and put His own clothes back on Him. And they led Him away to crucify Him."

KEY SCRIPTURE THREAD

Genesis 3:7, 21 · Genesis 25:25, 30 · Leviticus 16:21-22 · Leviticus 14:4-7 · Isaiah 1:18 · Isaiah 53:4-6 · Psalm 22:17-18 · 2 Corinthians 5:21 · Hebrews 13:12 · Revelation 7:14

DAY 1 — FALSE COVERINGS

Devotional

In the beginning, man was naked and unashamed. Then sin entered. And suddenly, covering became necessary.

Genesis 3:7 — “They knew they were naked... and sewed fig leaves together.”

Before God ever spoke, man had already acted. Before God ever covered, man had already constructed.

And this is still our instinct. We cover quickly. We manage perception. We build identity out of what we can control.

But Genesis 3:21 shifts everything.

“Adonai made garments... and clothed them.”

God does not repair fig leaves. He replaces them. Because what you build to protect yourself will never be strong enough to sustain you.

Stripping is not God taking something good. It is God removing something insufficient.

Reflection

"Stripping is not loss. It is the removal of what was never meant to remain."

Questions for Reflection

- What am I currently using to cover myself that did not come from God?

- Where am I relying on performance, image, or control to feel secure?

- Do I believe God wants to replace my coverings or just improve them?

DAY 2 — WHAT IS HIDDEN

Devotional

Sin thrives in concealment. Not because God cannot see, but because we refuse to bring it into the light.

Psalm 32:3 — “When I kept silent... my bones wasted away.”

Silence is not neutrality. It is slow decay. We hide wounds. We bury patterns. We rename dysfunction. But hidden things do not weaken. They deepen.

John 3:20 — “Everyone who does evil hates the light...”

Yet the very next verse says: those who walk in truth come into the light.

Why? Because light does not destroy. It reveals what can now be healed. God never exposes to shame. He exposes to restore.

Reflection

"What is hidden remains bound. What is exposed can be healed."

Questions for Reflection

- What pain or wound am I still keeping hidden?

- What truth about myself am I avoiding?

- Where have I chosen concealment over healing?

- What would it look like to bring this into the light?

DAY 3 — REDEFINING STRIPPING

Devotional

Most people misinterpret the process. They feel loss and assume rejection. They feel exposure and assume shame.

But look at Yeshua.

Hebrews 12:2 — “He endured the cross, despising the shame.”

Shame was present, but it did not define Him. Stripping is not humiliation in the Kingdom. It is preparation.

God removes what blocks what He is about to release. The danger is not the stripping. The danger is misunderstanding it.

Because if you call preparation rejection, you will resist the very process meant to free you.

Reflection

"Stripping is not rejection. It is preparation."

Questions for Reflection

- Do I interpret loss as rejection from God?

- Where have I believed that exposure equals shame?

- What good thing do I fear God is taking away?

- Can I trust that God is removing what blocks what He wants to give?

DAY 4 — WHAT STRIPPING PRODUCES

Devotional

When false coverings fall, you expect emptiness. But what emerges is something else.

John 8:36 — “Whom the Son sets free will be free indeed.”

Freedom. No longer striving to be accepted. Clarity — you begin to hear again. Depth — you encounter God beyond the surface.

Hebrews 10:22 — “Hearts sprinkled clean... bodies washed.”

What you thought was loss becomes alignment. Because God is not removing identity. He is restoring it.

Reflection

"What feels like loss becomes freedom, clarity, and depth."

Questions for Reflection

- Where have I already experienced freedom from performance?

- Do I live with security, or do I still strive for it?

- Is my calling becoming clearer or more confusing?

- Am I growing in depth with God or staying surface-level?

DAY 5 — RED IDENTITY

Devotional

Esau was born red. Genesis 25:25. But he was not called Edom until he chose.

Genesis 25:30 — “Give me some of that red...”

What marked him at birth became what he chose in weakness. And what he chose became what he was called.

This is the danger. Appetite becomes identity. Impulse becomes direction. Urgency replaces calling.

And slowly, you are no longer choosing. You are being driven.

Reflection

"What you crave in weakness will shape what you become in strength."

Questions for Reflection

- Where in my life have I allowed appetite to become identity?

- What do I reach for when I am exhausted instead of turning to God?

- What decisions have I made out of urgency rather than calling?

- Am I being driven by hunger or led by covenant?

DAY 6 — SCARLET THAT PENETRATES

Devotional

Isaiah 1:18 — “Though your sins are like scarlet...”

Scarlet is not surface. It penetrates. It bonds. It becomes part of the fabric.

Jeremiah 17:1 — “Sin is engraved on the tablet of the heart.”

This is not occasional failure. This is pattern. Habit. Identity-level brokenness. This is where people lose hope, because they believe: if it is this deep, it must be permanent.

But Isaiah does not say it will be covered. He says it will be transformed.

Reflection

"The deepest bondage is the sin you have accepted as self."

Questions for Reflection

- What patterns in my life feel woven into me?

- Where have I stopped fighting because I believe this is who I am?

- What cycles do I keep repeating?

- Do I believe transformation is possible at that level?

FINAL DECLARATION

The scarlet is real. The stain is deep. The pattern is repeated. But the promise is greater.

Isaiah 1:18 — Scarlet becomes white.

He did not avoid your scarlet. He entered it. Wore it. Carried it. And removed it.

FINAL THOUGHT

*You were not created to wear the scarlet.
You were redeemed to be clothed in white.*

10 KEY HEBREW WORDS

חַטָּא (Chet) — Sin, missing the mark

עָוֹן (Avon) — Twisted identity

פְּשָׁע (Pesha) — Rebellion

כַּפָּר (Kafar) — Atonement, covering

נָשָׂא (Nasa) — To bear, carry

שָׁנִי (Shani) — Scarlet

תּוֹלַע (Tola) — Crimson worm

לָבָן (Lavan) — White, purified

לְבוּשׁ (Levush) — Garment, identity

בְּטוּל (Bitul) — Self-nullification

Sin shapes identity, but redemption rewrites it.