

UNDERSTAND THE GOAL AND FULFILL IT

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Selections of the Rebbe's sicha, presented in connection with Gimmel Tammuz.

The second set of spies knew better.

The first group had presumed, assumed, plotted and planned, and in the end they died. But the second time around, only two men this time, they knew better.

When they were given their mission it was very similar to instructions the first set of spies were given: scout out the land, discover information as to the military strengths of the cities. But these spies knew better.

Understanding that the purpose of their mission was not just information gathering, but the eventual capture of the city, they decided to take the initiative. Instead of just spying, they attacked, and they captured. Not only did they capture the city, Yaazor, but also all its suburbs. A phenomenal feat.

Their calculation was simple, as Rashi explains: "We will not do as the first did, bringing about the exact opposite result for which they had been sent. We understand the purpose of our mission is to spy, but the real intention is the eventual capture of this city along with the rest of Eretz Yisroel. We have faith in the power of the *tefilla* of Moshe, and we will carry out our shlichus to its full intended goal."

They didn't stick to the literal definition of their mission; they understood that they were to deduce on their own the real purpose of their journey. Moshe was sending them with a mission from above, to spy with the intent to attack the city in the near future. But having understood their true purpose, and having complete trust in their *meshale'ach*, Moshe, they



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YOU NEED IT SPELLED OUT?

There are those that are waiting to receive a written letter from the Rebbe, giving them explicit instructions where they need to apply themselves. Not only to spy, but also to conquer, not only Yaazor, but also its suburbs.

But until then, they behaved as a *chossid shoteh*, fulfilling the minimum demanded of them without investing even a bit *chayus*.

If this had been a "live command" for them, it would have done what living things do: grow and produce fruit. Had they taken these directives properly, they would have followed the dictum, that "one who begins a mitzvah is told to complete it." The Rebbe, relying on this rule, started them out on this mitzvah, hoping for the Chassidim's devotion to motivate them to complete the vision.

If we take this initiative, and have trust in the power of our leader, we would not only be able to fulfill the basic shlichus, but to conquer as well. And not only the city, but also the suburbs.

To be clear:

Every single one of us is commanded by the [Frierdiker] Rebbe to actively spread Yiddishkeit, and the teachings and traditions of Chassidus in particular.

Some people however, convince themselves that their mission is to merely "spy"—to sit in a fine wagon, hitched to four white horses, take a quick ride around Yaazor, another around the suburbs. Then they come back, file a report about what needs to be done and where, and then sit back and relax. Mission accomplished, they proclaim proudly.

If he is looking for validation from the Shulchan Aruch, he has it. But as far as the *meshaleach* is concerned, as long as the desired result of reaching the *chutza* was not yet accomplished, not only has he missed the end of the shlichus, it was a failure from the outset.

In simple terms: Even if the original mission was only to spy, and maybe it was only for the city, the true purpose is to lead another Yid to be a *shomer Torah u'mitzvos*. The true purpose is to make another shul kosher, with a *mechitza* and the *bima* in the proper places. The true purpose is to make another kosher mikveh through which holy, healthy children will be born. Healthy both spiritually and physically.

To be satisfied with smaller accomplishments is not the desire of the one who sent you!

This is the Torah's demand by telling us that they were able to overcome and understand the true mission at hand and to fulfill it in a spectacular fashion. The spies conquered and transformed the region, the land of our enemies, into Jewish land, a part of Eretz Yisroel.

DON'T HIDE!

This is a directive to each Chossid. There is no difference if the mission was given through thought, spoken to him, or written. It is clear that the purpose of the mission is to bring about a practical, tangible, product. A kosher shul, a kosher jewish home, kosher parents, kosher children. Every Chossid must take upon himself to not only "spy" but to actually do something.

And then he is given the promise that he will be successful, and he will be able to establish a city with Yiddishkeit, along with its suburbs.

There was a time when elevating one's personal "chutza" was enough to reach this goal. But now this will not fulfill the obligation placed upon us. The [Frierdiker] Rebbe demanded that we actually take the physical 248 limbs and 365 organs of our bodies and of the nefesh habehamis, and travel to a city, travel to a state, and conquer

it for Yiddishkeit. Not to travel for a visit to leave behind a pair of tefillin, tzitzis or a siddur. The purpose is to conquer, making those cities a place where Yidden dwell, changing the very nature of the space, making it a dwelling place for Hashem.

BREAKING THE RULER

This relates directly to the imprisonment of the Rebbe, who was arrested for sending shluchim to all corners of the country, wherever he could reach. His agenda was clear: Do not only "spy," but conquer; creating *chadarim*, yeshivos for boys and girls, shuls, *mikva'os*, *batei medrash*, everything needed for Jewish life.

And this arrest only led to the creation of another holiday for Yidden, the one we are celebrating here today!

If this could happen in a country like that one was, where the risk was life or death, all the more so it can happen here. Here one even receives honor and glory for going on this mission to save another Yid, another shul, or another home. Do it with joy and happiness!

The power for this comes from the *baal hasimcha* himself, the *Nossi*. By going through prison he broke through and destroyed the power of one ruler. It is certainly much easier for him to break the power of the 'foolish king' that resides in the heart of those going on the shlichus, making it easier to go without any physical obstacles. All that is demanded is to overcome the imprisonment by the *nefesh habehamis*, which will then crown the *nefesh haElokis*. And this brings to the victory over the city and its surroundings.

Let this bring to the addition of many Yidden to the army of Hashem, which will cause us to "go out with our hosts," leaving *golus* with joy, walking with upright postures to our land. •

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