

The Narrow Bridge

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INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

Short Quotes from Various Tzaddikim - Week 103

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"Hashem tests the righteous." (Tehillim 11:5)

Rabbi Yonatan explains, "Just as a potter does not test defective vessels which would break in one blow, so too, the Holy One tests only the strong and the righteous." (Bereishis Rabbah 32:3)

IF IT FEELS LIKE HASHEM IS TESTING YOU, IT'S ONLY BECAUSE HE BELIEVES IN YOU.

Let no obstacle deter you. Just as a flame dances higher when the wind blows against it, so too can the soul rise stronger from every challenge.

LUBAVITCHER REBBE, RABBI MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON (1902-1994)

Each of us has a unique voice, and each voice adds something irreplaceable to the symphony of life.

RABBI JONATHAN SACKS (1948-2020)

"She [Basya] opened the basket and saw that it was a child, a boy crying. She took pity on it and said, 'This must be a Hebrew child.'" (Shemos 2:6)

How did Pharaoh's daughter know that the child that she was pulling from the river was Jewish just from hearing him cry?

Because a Jewish cry is unique; together with despair it contains an element of hope. Even when he cries, a Jew is always hopeful.

RABBI MORDECHAI BENET

"A song of ascents. When Hashem will return the captivity of Zion, we will be like dreamers." (Tehillim 126:1)

The restoration of Zion will appear as a dream because it will seem beyond the realm of possibility until it happens. Yet this verse reminds us that no matter how distant redemption appears, it is always within G-d's power to bring it about suddenly and miraculously.

RABBI SAMSON RAPHAEL HIRSCH (1808-1888)