



Jewish and Christian?

Becoming a Christian when raised in the Jewish community is not always an easy road to travel.

David grew up with a strong Jewish education, but always wondered about Jesus. He had heard about Jesus from the non-Jewish culture and was seeking spiritual answers for his life. One day he attended a Messianic Jewish church service led by Mottel and Deborah, Missions Door missionaries.

Mottel sat with David after the service and answered the questions he had. Mottel understood where David was in life, as he too was raised in a Jewish home. His father used to tell him that if he opened a New Testament it would burn his fingers. Mottel came to faith after wandering down the winding road to his own spiritual truth. He carefully read the Messianic prophecies of the Jewish Bible, and it was evident to him that only Jesus had fulfilled the prophecies.

After answering David's questions, Mottel led him to Christ. David couldn't resist any longer the nudging he felt to accept Jesus as his Savior.

David began attending a local church and Bible studies and grew in his faith. He felt the need to be baptized in water, but baptism is a difficult subject in the Jewish community. Years ago in Europe institutional churches used water baptism to force Jewish people to renounce their Jewish religion and identity. Soldiers would march into a town and all those willing to be baptized were allowed to stay, and those unwilling would only have hours to pack up and move.

Although it is a confrontational subject and his family would not approve, David understood Jesus' command to be baptized and he did so without question. A few years later, he preached his first sermon and accepted a leadership position in his church.

David continues his involvement and service in his local church. He also talks with his family about Jesus. They understand that he walks the road of being both a Christian and a part of the Jewish community

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*For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet,
Until her righteousness goes forth like brightness, And her salvation like a torch that is burning.
Isaiah 62:1 NAS*

Specialized Ministry

In the U.S. there are millions of people who are not easily reached by existing local churches and ministries. These people are often hidden from and little touched by Christian influence—they are hardly reached and hard to reach! Some of these unreached people include Native Americans, those who are suffering from AIDS, the terminally ill, and those from other religious backgrounds.

Specialized Ministries focus upon evangelism, discipleship, church planting and compassionate assistance. Many missionaries who minister to a particular unreached group either come from that group or have a close connection that makes them sensitive to the group's needs.



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