

# BITACHON WEEKLY

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## Nothing Stops a Melech, Who Has Bitachon in Hashem and Ignores the Waves of Adversity

*Nachshon* was the first one who jumped into the *Yam Suf*, and now he is the first of the *Nesi'im* to bring his *Korbanos*. He wasn't afraid of those roaring waves, since he had *Bitachon* in the *Borei Olam* Creator of the world. This is true *Malchus*. מֶלֶךְ פּוֹרֵץ גְּדָר A *Melech* breaks barriers. A *Melech* doesn't run away when he has adversity. Nothing stops him.

It is interesting that just prior to *Dovid's* killing *Golyas HaPelishti*, he was given sharp *Mussar* by his older brother *Eliav*. *Eliav* scolded him about his wicked heart & that he has no business getting involved in the battle against *Golyas*. Another person would get discouraged and depressed, especially since *Eliav* was an *Adam Gadol*, whom *Shmuel HaNavi* thought he was worthy to become *Melech*! But *Dovid* just ignored him.

Just as *Nachshon* ignored the waves, so did *Dovid* ignore his older brother. Similarly, when *Rus* was considering to be *M'gayer*, *Naomi* tried to discourage her. She told

her about the: אַרְבַּע מִיתוֹת בֵּית דִּין four ways of execution used by Bais Din to punish certain Aveiros, and even after they are killed, they remain in the: בֵּית הַקְּבָרוֹת cemetery of *Reshaim*, and have eternal *Bizayon*. She also informed her about the *Issur* of *Yichud* which is extremely difficult for a *Mo'avis*.

Yet, *Rus* was: מְתַאַמֶּצֶת pushed herself. The *Seforno* says that: נָשָׂא לִיבָהּ אוֹתָהּ she lifted her heart that she wouldn't fall into sin! This is real *Malchus'dik* confidence! Fearless optimism! The opposite of *Eisav*, who as soon as he heard that a *Bechor* is *Chayav Missa* for: שָׁתוּיָּין doing *Avoda* after drinking wine, he said: הֲנִי אֶנְכִּי הוֹלֵךְ לָמוֹת וְלָמָּה זֶה לִי בְּכֹרָה What do I need this *Bechora* for? I'm surely going to die from it! He was sure he would fail, and he gave up right away.

The husbands of *Rus* and *Orpah* were called: יוֹאָשׁ וְסָרָף *Yo'ash* and *Saraph*, and *Chazal* explain that *Yo'ash* means that they were *Mya'esh* from the *Geula*. *Rus* is married to such a *M'yuash'dika* person,

yet she goes the opposite direction and wins everything! This is why the *Torah* says so many times about the *Avoda* in the *Bais Hamikdash*: וְלֹא יָמוּת he will NOT die [when he does the right thing] and: וּמִכָּל לֹא אֶתָּה שׁוֹמֵעַ הוּא the punishment for transgression is unspoken.

True, you **can** die, *Chas V'shalom*, e.g. if you are: מְחוּסָר בְּגָדִים not wearing *Bigdei Kehuna* while doing *Avoda*, or without: קִידּוּשׁ יְדֵימ וְרַגְלִים first washing your hands and feet, etc. **But you won't** - think positive! The positive *Malchus'dik* person ignores all those jumbo elephants of adversity in his life, and he goes forward.

When *Boaz* asked his: נַעַר young helper about *Rus*, he packed in plenty of *Lashon Hara*; i.e., that she was a *Ganav*, she is not a *Tz'nua*, and a *Moavi'a* who still had the bad *Middos* of her nation. The *Sefer Minchas Erev*

### The Ma'ala of People Who Struggle

In this weeks' *Haftorah*, notice how the wife of *Manoach* isn't mentioned, even though she appears much more *Chashuv* than him [she is always teaching him, and the *Malach* repeatedly appears only to her, not to him]. We can suggest that **his** name is mentioned for this very reason, since he had many more struggles. We see clearly the *Ma'ala* of lower people who struggle vs. higher *Tzaddikim* who don't need to struggle as much.

This is the phenomenal lesson of: *Aderaba!* and *V'nahapoch Hu!* Look how our holy *Torah* is loaded with all kinds of encouragement for all kinds of issues, like *Rus HaMoavi'a* and *Dovid* the *Admoni*, etc. So many variations of all kinds of "zeros" becoming the top-top. A *Yid* always looks for the *Aderaba* approach, and Hashem helps him [since he has *Bitachon* in Him] to do all kinds of "impossible" things. **Never, ever, look down at yourself; and never, ever give up hope!**

elaborates on how the: נַעַר helper insisted how *Rus* was an insincere *Giyores*, and how he lifted his voice to berate her; as the *Passuk* says: וַיַּעַן which denotes: קוֹל הַרְמַת קוֹל raising your voice.

### **The #1 Yesod of Novardok: No Hispa'alus From People or Situations!**

The *Sefer Minchas Erev* says that *Boaz* wasn't *M'kabel Lashon Hara* at all. On the contrary, he held her in the highest esteem. He called her: בְּתִי my daughter, and the greatest *Eishes Chayil*. And *Rus* didn't get angry at *Boaz* for not sticking up for her. Look how these two *Malchus'dik* people ignore adversity, and aren't impressed by people and their pettiness.

We can all learn from this not to be *Nis'pael* from people and situations. The #1 *Yesod* of *Novardok* was: No *Hispa'alus*!

We see the perfect *Shidduch* of *Rus* and *Boaz*. True *Malchus*! מֶלֶךְ פּוֹרֵץ גְּדָרִים A Melech breaks barriers. The *Melech* breaks the fence that's blocking him and he marches forward. We all need to learn this and not be *Nis'pael* from difficulties, like *Parnasa* or medical issues, *Rachmana Litzlan*, etc.

There is tremendous power in people who move on without *Yi'ush*, and they conquer worlds. No wonder R' Gershon Liebman *Zatzal* wasn't afraid even of Nazis, *Y'mach Sh'mam*, and he succeeded. I even heard him say during a *Shabbos Shuva Drasha*, that a person needs to be a *Tamim* and have no fear: וְאִפְּיִלּוּ מִן הַשּׁוֹאָה even not from the Holocaust!!!

By the way, not *Chapping Hispa'alus* includes your own worst sins! You keep moving upwards, and go-on to *Davka* become an *Adam Gadol*.

## **Novardok**

*Shalom Bayis* was a major issue in *Novardok*. There isn't any *Kavod* to be gained at home, and your true *Bain Adam La'chaveiro* comes out at home base. The *Alter Zatzal* wrote 3,000 *Maalos* about his wife.

During their *Vaadim*, people opened up to each other **to some extent**. This is the reason for their phenomenal *Hatzlacha*; issues were addressed, and your friends helped you tackle them *Ai-Pi Torah* and *Ai-Pi Mussar*. Usually they blamed themselves for their own *Ga'ava* or lack of *Bitachon*, which the right *Mussar Seder* would cure with *Si'ata D'shmaya*. They grew from *Vaad* to *Vaad*. I know of a *Novardoker* [Rabbi R.] whose wife used to yell at him, and he would answer with a soft voice: "I'll try to make myself better".

If you believe in: ה' אָמַר לוֹ קֵלֵל It is really Hashem cursing me in the form of this human, so who are you arguing with? Hashem is talking to you via this person, and everything in your life is a message from Hashem. So we ignore the person, who doesn't realize that he's a *Shali'ach Min HaShamayim*, and we try to improve ourselves, by working on *Ka'as*, *Hachna'a*, or being *Dan L'kaf Zechus*, etc. I once heard R' Avigdor Miller *Zatzal* saying publicly: "The worse your wife is, the better!".

Someone once came to an old *Novardoker* telling him his many problems with his wife. He looked at him in amazement: "You're so lucky. With such a wife you can grow and grow!" When Mrs. R. told her husband: "But you told me last time that you'll improve!", he answered: "But this time I'll try harder". He was like a broken record of tremendous *Hachna'a* to his wife, no matter what she yelled about.

I was once eating at a *Novardoker's* house, and the children were acting up at the table. It was *Shabbos*, and he was saying a *Vort* on the *Parsha* in his usual low and soft voice. His response to the acting up: To speak even lower and softer than usual! And as usual, he was always in a state of good humor. He laughed and laughed. He created a happy home, thanks to his hours and hours of learning *Shaar HaBitachon*, which is where he got his tremendous *Simcha* from. His tremendous *Hachna'a* and *Eidelkeit* came from hours and hours of learning *Shaar HaK'niya*! *Novardok* husbands always blame themselves, since they live by the *Chovos Halvavos Shaar HaBitachon* who says that when your relatives mistreat you, you should be *Mochel* them and *Davka* do lots of *Chesed* to them; just blame your own sins and do *Teshuva*.