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MADRICHA

ביטחון VS השתדלות, IT'S UP TO ה', OR IS IT?

A struggle that I have always wrestled with is how to balance השתדלות with ביטחון. I always wondered how much is too much. How do you know how much effort to put in and at what point do you just throw up your hands and leave it up to ה'?

יעקב shows us in this week's פרשה just how much השתדלות we have to put in. When preparing to meet up with עשו after years of running from him, יעקב is scared. He doesn't just sit in fear and say whatever happens happens. He takes action to ensure that everything goes smoothly. He made a three-pronged plan, as (רש"י בראשית ל"ט:ב) explains. "לדורון" - he sends generous gifts, representing diplomatic preparation."לתפילה" - he turns to ה' and davens as a form of spiritual resilience. "למלחמה" - then he works on practical defense by splitting his camp.

It's from יעקב that every Jewish leader since has learned how to approach similar situations, whether it be משה in the desert or kings before wars. יעקב shows us how important תפילה is and the power of combining prayer with action. The Talmud tells us "אין סומכים על הנס" (מסכת פסחים, דף ס"ד, עמוד ב'), you can't rely on a miracle. First, you plan, then you trust ה' that He will bring the best outcome.

The answers to all our questions can be found within תורה, and we have to look no further than this week's פרשה to get the answer to the age-old question of השתדלות vs ביטחון. It isn't really an either-or situation; יעקב shows us that you need both: we have to put in practical effort and do everything we can to ensure the outcome we want while trusting ה' with the outcome. יעקב אבינו taught us an incredible lesson, ה' helps those who help themselves: you do everything you can and ה' will take care of the rest.





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WHY ANCESTRY IS SO IMPORTANT

This week's parsha, a very big part of the last פרק talks about ancestry, like the sons of Elifaz, Teman, Omar, Tzefo, Gatam, Kenaz, and Korah, but why is that so important that they gave it almost an entire

perek in this week's parsha? The reason for this, according to the Zohar, is that this is a very important topic to cover, because from here branch out many enemies and many important figures that shaped the rest of the journey of Am Yisrael: like Amalek, who came from Elifaz, and Timna, who plays a huge role later in Am Yisrael's story, as they became the first people to attack them when they exited Egypt, and in many more scenarios, as they became one of, if not the, worst enemies of Am Yisrael.

Edom, or all the descendants of Esav, later stood between Am Yisrael and their entering Eretz Yisrael. Both play crucial roles further on in Am Yisrael's journey.

Because of this, the Torah devoted almost a whole perek to it, because this is extremely important for the future of Am Yisrael. Shabbat Shalom. ■

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שבי חברון - עמותה מובילה בפיתוח וקידום פרויקטים חינוכיים והתיישבותיים ברחבי הארץ, מחפשת מנהל/ת קשרי תורמים בעל/ת מעוף, יכולות בינאישיות גבוהות ותשוקה לעשייה ציונית וחברתית.

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- תמיכה בפעילות השוטפת של מחלקת גיוס המשאבים.

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