

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Hello from Albuquerque. I am so happy that we have all made it to today and hope this finds you in good health.

Sisters and Brothers, we have been having Zoom meetings with the elected Grand Officers where we work on ideas on staying connected to the members of our grand chapter. We also have set up all member meetings where any member who wishes to meet with others may do so. If you want to participate please contact Sister Sabrina Pack, GC and she can set you up with a date to meet. Each meeting is currently limited to approximately 20 participants when we hit that limit Sabrina schedules other meetings.

These meeting are great, and to be able to see each other and talk. Please, join us in one of these meeting we would so love to see you.

We start each meeting with a prayer from WGP Don, then WGM Pam will welcome everyone and we then start bringing each other up to date on what we are doing. We then close with the Mizpah Benediction.

Last meeting, after we said the benediction last one of our sisters stated that it was not a prayer to God but a statement from each of us to the others to be under Gods protection until we meet again. Genesis 31:49-51 King James Version (KJV). 49 And Mizpah; for he said, The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.

According to Genesis 31:44 – 49 Mizpah, place in ancient Palestine where Jacob and Laban erected a heap of stones as a sign of covenant between them. Jacob was tricked into marrying Laban's oldest daughter Leah after he had worked for seven years for Rachel's hand. Laban said that Jacob should have known the customs that the oldest daughter must be married first. Jacob than struck a deal to work for Laban for an additional seven years for Rachel. He completed the seven years and married Rachel.

Years later Jacob wanted to go back to his land and made a deal with Laban for some of his sheep and goats as payment for his years of service. He then leaves Laban for his own country. Laban sees that Jacob cheated him by taking the best stock out of his flock and chases after him. When Laban catches Jacob they argue over who has cheated who and decide to build a Mizpah. Genesis tells us that this watchtower they built - this Mizpah representing the presence of God - was erected as a buffer between these two extremely conflicted and estranged people. The description of the meaning of the Mizpah in Genesis 31:52: "I will not go past this watchtower to your side to harm you, and you will not go past this watchtower to my side to harm me." This is what it means when you say, "May the Lord watch between me and thee..."

Since that time, it has come to mean an emotional bond between people who may be separated from each other either physically or by death. This is the meaning that we choose to use this bond is to each other as a show of Sister and Brotherly love we have for one another.



This week I am going to do a couple of short jokes.

The Wedding:

A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "because white is the color of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today."

After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says: "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"

Marriage and Coffee:

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee.

Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said: "It's right here—HEBREWS."

I hope you enjoyed that, stay safe and may the Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.

In Star Love,

Jeff Satterfield
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