

Jesus Has a Name

Episode 27

Call Upon His Name

Yahweh Yasha

We have been on a long journey studying the names of God. Our goal in studying the names of God has been twofold: 1) to know our King so well that we become fully convinced—based on all the facts—that we would be foolish to put our trust in anything or anyone else (especially ourselves); and 2) to be fully convinced that all our decisions, no matter how trivial, must be made based on the reality of the character and nature of our King, which has been revealed by the name.

**HIS NAME IS TO BE THE FILTER THROUGH WHICH WE PASS ALL THINGS: ALL
THOUGHTS, ALL EMOTIONS, ALL EXPERIENCES, AND SO ON.
HE WANTS US TO KNOW HIM BY HIS NAME.**

And we are to always be confident that *“If we call on His name we will be saved, for there is much power in the name when it is accompanied by faith.”*

And finally, we are going to address the last of the compound names, **Yahweh Yasha**, which means that **Yahweh Frees** or **Yahweh Saves**—as in it is **Yahweh Yasha** who releases the captives and sets free the oppressed.¹

We touched on this name in our very first episode of Jesus Has a Name. “Jesus” was the earthly name given to the Son of God (“*Iesou*” in the Greek), which is a Greek transliteration of the Hebrew name Jehoshua or as we say it, “Joshua.” Jehoshua is a combination of two Hebrew words: **Yahweh** and **Yasha**.

Yahweh, being rooted in the “**I AM**” declaration of who God is, communicates that all that was, all that is, and all that will ever be finds its origin and completion in Jesus. Which is why Jesus claims to be the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.² The one

¹ *Isaiah 62:11; Luke 4:18*

² *Revelation 1:8; 22:3*

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from whom, through whom (or by whom), and to whom are all things.³

Yasha, means to be open or free, i.e., by implication to be safe or saved. Thus, Jehoshua, or Jesus, literally means “**Yahweh** frees,” or “**Yahweh** Saves.” And this specific name speaks to what He does in our lives, He frees us and saves us from ourselves, from our Old Sinful Nature (our *flesh*), from all our attachments to this world, from our fear, and from everything in our lives that stands in opposition to His being our **I AM**.

This explains why the spirits, specifically the demons, have such a huge reaction when confronted with the name Jesus. I have seen it personally, but it is also in the scriptures. They recoil and want to flee because they are being confronted with the truth that **Yahweh** frees, therefore, their control over any person or situation is about to be dismantled as their true master, **Yahweh Sabaoth** (**Yahweh** of Heaven’s armies), operating as **Yahweh Yasha**, is about to bring forth freedom into the life of another person He loves, and they can do nothing about it. They are powerless when confronted by their master.

What a powerful name. Jesus came to set us free, and if we know the truth, if we bet our lives upon His name, the truth will set us free. After all Jesus said, “**I AM** the way, the truth, and the life.”⁴ Therefore, if **Yahweh**, the **I AM**, who is the truth sets us free, we will be free indeed.⁵

Conveniently, since **Yahweh** is the truth, He knows what He is talking about. In fact, it was for freedoms sake, for the purpose of freedom, that we were set free.⁶ In other words, He came down to earth as a man, as Jesus, to die for us on the cross because He wants His chosen ones to know **unrestrained freedom** and to live in **unrestrained freedom** where they are no longer enslaved to the law (whether that is His perfect law, my law, your law, or anyone’s law, however it is measured) and are no longer enslaved to the elementary principles of this world, so much of which sound so godly and good.⁷

Yahweh Yasha desires us to live as if we are dead to these elementary principles and therefore

³ *Romans 11:36*

⁴ *John 14:6*

⁵ *John 8:32, 36*

⁶ *Galatians 5:1*

⁷ *Colossians 2:8*

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no longer submit to decrees of do not handle, do not touch, do not taste, and so on, all in accordance with the teachings of men. Such things have the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion, but they are worthless when it comes to issues of the *flesh*—that the part of our being that refuses to acknowledge **Yahweh** as our **I AM**.

These rules and “godly” principles do not make the *flesh* better, they do not control the *flesh* much less actually deny the *flesh*.⁸ They are ironically just an indulgence of the *flesh*—that part of our *flesh* that loves religion, loves rules, loves law, loves control, loves accountability, loves discipline, and loves burdening people with weights that they cannot carry and cannot fulfill.

I have mentioned many times that **Yahweh Yasha** died so we can live in **unrestrained freedom**. So, what does that practically look like? What is “**unrestrained freedom**”? Well, we can bring some definition to it by looking at it from 2 perspectives, in that there is 1) freedom **from** certain things that tend to rule, dominate, and control our lives, and 2) there is the freedom **to do** certain things that are a privilege, a joy, and a delight.

Unrestrained Freedom From

Yahweh Yasha desires us to live in **unrestrained freedom** from the law, therefore, freedom from sin and its wages which are death.⁹ For where there is no law there is no violation of the law and therefore sin is not imputed.¹⁰ And if sin is not imputed, then there are no wages or penalty for sin. As such, there is freedom from guilt, shame, condemnation, and from the endless striving to not sin.

NO LAW, NO SIN. NO SIN, NO PENALTY FOR SIN. NO PENALTY FOR SIN, NO REASON FOR SHAME. NO SHAME, NO REASON TO TRY NOT TO SIN.

And if there is no shame and condemnation, then there can be **unrestrained freedom** from fear: the fear of failure; the fear of punishment; the fear that God is out to get us and is so disappointed in us every time we sin and dishonor Him; and the fear that all the accusations which are spoken by the enemy in our direction just might be true. And if the enemy’s words

⁸ *Colossians 2:23*

⁹ *Romans 6:23*

¹⁰ *Romans 4:15, 5:13*

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have no more power or effect, then there is freedom from the fear of the demonic and the satanic.

NO CONDEMNATION, NO FEAR OF REPRISAL. NO FEAR OF REPRISAL, NO FEAR OF GOD'S WRATH NOR THE DEMONIC.

And if there is freedom from sin, shame, and condemnation, and from the accusations of the enemy, then there is **unrestrained freedom** from religion and the hold which religion puts on our soul to try and be right, to be good, to honor God, and to not mar the image of Christianity in a fallen world that needs to be saved.

There is freedom from all the lies we have told ourselves and others so they will not find out that we are not as good and perfect as they expect us to be or that we try and convince ourselves and others we are. There is also freedom from those weighty burdens of the so-called wisdom of personal discipline, accountability, and all those “godly principles” – all the “to-do’s” that are aimed at controlling and defeating sin.

NO SHAME, SIN, AND CONDEMNATION, NO PLACE OR HOLD FOR RELIGION TO RULE OUR LIVES.

And if we acknowledge others through this same lens of **unrestrained freedom**, then we will also know freedom from hatred, bitterness, anger, wrath, slander, the constant complaining about others, malice, disputes, descensions, factions or division, and abusive speech, all of which derives from our holding others to account for their sins and failures against us and those we love. Therefore, we will know freedom from judging others while exalting ourselves.

NO SHAME, SIN, AND CONDEMNATION, NO PLACE IN OUR LIVES TO JUDGE AND ABUSE OTHERS ACCORDING TO OUR OWN LAW.

And if we are not worried about all the anger, malice, and wrath, and so on, then there is **unrestrained freedom** from the fear of man and what man might do to us, what they might say about us, and what they might think about us.

NO SHAME, SIN, AND CONDEMNATION, NO FEAR OF MAN.

Yes, **Yahweh Yasha** has freed us from so much that it is unimaginable given how we have lived

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for so long buried under fear, guilt, shame, embarrassment, and the weight of doing it right added with the weight of all our lies about doing it right.

Unrestrained Freedom To

It was for freedom's sake, for its very purpose, that **Yahweh Yasha** set us free allowing us to live free to love with God's *agape* love.¹¹ In reality, that statement captures it all, for it means we are free to be in an actual relationship with **Yahweh** and let Him possess our being and live His life in and through our lives, where He is free to *agape* love others as they experience Him in and through our bodies (just like people experienced the Father in and through His body).¹² We therefore are to know the **unrestrained freedom** that comes through the **Design Point**.

THE FREEDOM TO LOVE

And if we are living for His life to be expressed through ours, then we are free to let Him transform us into the image of His Son as He wants to, when He wants to, in the areas of our life that He wants to rule at any given point in time. And this means that despite our sin, we do not have to carry the weight and responsibility for our transformation, it is His job. Rather we have the **unrestrained freedom** to live like little children who are innocent, curious, playful, having fun, dreaming, and imagining, while we look to our Father to take care of us in all aspects of our lives.

THE FREEDOM TO LET HIM BE THE RESPONSIBLE ONE.

With **Yahweh Jireh** as our provider, we have the ability to live in **unrestrained freedom** from worry, anxiety, fear, and the desperate desire to control the outcomes of our lives, for **Yahweh**, our **I AM**, bears all the responsibility for where we go, when we go, what we are to do, how we are to do it, and when we are to do it, as well as providing everything we need to accomplish all that He desires for us to do.

THE FREEDOM TO BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING.

And if we are free to let Him lead our lives, then we have the **unrestrained freedom** to live

¹¹ *Galatians 5:1, 6; John 13:34; 15:12, 17; Romans 13:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:9; 1 Peter 1:22; 2:16; 1 John 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11, 12; 2 John 5.*

¹² *John 14:8-12*

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like and alien and stranger in this world not making our roots, our home, our abode, or our life in this world. In other words, we have **unrestrained freedom** to have our identity, our purpose, our personhood, and our entire emotional construct, to be defined by **Yahweh** and not by the systems, constructs, rules, and institutions of this world nor the rulers of this world.

THE FREEDOM TO BE DEFINED BY HIS OWNERSHIP OF OUR LIVES.

This means that we have the **unrestrained freedom** to lay aside the old self (our *flesh*) with its evil practices, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit. Thereby we are free to lay aside all malice, all deceit and hypocrisy, envy, all slander, anger, wrath, malice, and abusive speech from our mouths. Accordingly, we have **unrestrained freedom** to be renewed in the spirit of our minds, putting on the *new self*, which, in the likeness of God, has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth and which is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him.¹³

THE FREEDOM AND PRIVILEGE TO DIE TO OUR FLESH TO LIVE IN THE SPIRIT.

We also have the **unrestrained freedom** to forgive others from the heart, and to love them as we have been loved—with God's *agape* love. Therefore, we have the **unrestrained freedom** to lift from others who have hurt us the weight and burden of their sin, failure, and to choose to walk alongside them through their transformation process, and all the ugliness that results therefrom, in the spirit of gentleness, kindness, being tenderhearted and gracious, forgiving as we have been forgiven.¹⁴

THE FREEDOM TO WALK SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH OTHERS IN TENDERNESS.

This is the power of the name **Yahweh Yasha** to lead us into a life of **unrestrained freedom** that is unlike anything we can imagine. **The freedom from and the freedom to!**

The Cost of Freedom

Freedom cost **Yahweh Yasha** everything, His very life, so that He might obtain everything the Father promised. In fact, as shocking as it may be, we are told that **Yahweh** the Father was literally

¹³ *Ephesians 4:22-25; James 1:21, Colossians 3:8-10; 1 Peter 2:1*

¹⁴ *Matthew 6:12; 18:35; Luke 17:3; John 13:34; Galatians 6:1-5*

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pleased to crush Jesus, putting Him to grief, and anguish, that He might pour out Himself in death and be numbered with the transgressors,¹⁵ all so that He, the Son, would receive His great reward that would abide with Him forever—His lovely bride.¹⁶

His reward cost Him His life. In the same way, if we are **willing**, He will cause us to walk the same path of death and suffering that He walked (there is no other pathway: we got to die to our *flesh* to live in His Spirit). While in the garden, weeping, Jesus asked His Father if there was any other way.¹⁷ But there was not, the Father was silent. Yet we are told that during this time He was not praying for Himself, but He was acting as our High Priest.¹⁸ Thus, He was doing what a High Priest does, intercede for the people with the God. After all, Jesus came to earth purposed to die; but it was hard for Him to be ok with the pathway of tribulation and suffering that His loved ones would have to travel to be joined to Him.¹⁹

Walking this pathway, however, enables us to know Him in the deep intimate ways that can only be forged through shared experience of suffering and death. But in the same way that we will know Him in death, we will also know Him in the glory of His resurrection, which is experienced in a life of **unrestrained freedom**.

Romans 6:5-11

For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, **certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection**, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; **for he who has died is freed from sin**. Now if we have died with Christ, **we believe that we shall also live with Him**, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. **Even so consider yourselves to be dead**

¹⁵ See *Isaiah 53:10-12*

¹⁶ See *Isaiah 40:10, 62:11; Revelation 22:12; Hebrews 2:10-13; Romans 8:17*. See also *Deuteronomy 4:20, 32:9-10*

¹⁷ *Matthew 26:39*

¹⁸ *Hebrews 5:5-10*

¹⁹ See *Matthew 7:14; 20:22*

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to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:7-16

But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, **that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.** Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.

Our suffering, our death to our *flesh* and to all that is within us that does not want Yahweh to be our **I AM**, is how we connect to and relate to the life of **Yahweh Yasha**, and it forms an odd sort of bonding that is unbreakable for those who are willing to endure. And it is how we come to experience the power of His resurrection—the life of **unrestrained freedom** where we forget what lies behind and continue to press forward to what lies ahead: more of Jesus!

With that said, He does not force us to walk this path, it is a choice we must make; and He will help us make this choice if we are **willing** to let Him.

God has placed all things in subjection under the feet of **Yahweh Yasha**—there is nothing that

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is not subjected to Him.²⁰ Hence, all authority has been given to Him in heaven and on earth because the Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.²¹ But since He never uses His great power and authority to violate our personal sovereignty, He will allow us to choose to quit and to turn from Him in apostasy and walk away. He does not force us to die; He only asks us to participate and to be **willing**.

It is a bit like what Jesus told those who followed Him, “I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom.”²² Clearly, He was not talking about their physical death, but that some of those who follow Him will not subject themselves to death that they might truly live. In that vein, He will allow us to be in love with ourselves (the **ME**), religion, the law, and the idea of **Yahweh** as we worship a facsimile, an idol, a god of our own creation whom we call Jesus and Father. It is our choice.

With that said, He will continue what He started but it is up to us to be **willing to endure** being **willing**.²³ That is the exchange, that is the cost we must pay: our willingness to endure being willing. It is a big ask, but much less of an ask than what religion requires. Instead of having a never ending and always changing list of what we must be doing, and failing all the time, **Yahweh** only requires us to keep believing in His name and calling on His name as the source of our lives.

Endurance is a big thing; it is what we now need. Jesus says that it is in endurance that we are commanded to dig down deep and choose to gain or literally possess our souls.²⁴ Hence, we are encouraged to run with endurance the race that has been set before us,²⁵ knowing that the testing of our faith produces endurance, and we are to let endurance have its perfect result, such that we may be perfect, complete, lacking in nothing.²⁶ Again, by our endurance we will possess our souls and come to live in **unrestrained freedom**.

WE MUST BE WILLING TO KEEP ON BEING WILLING.

²⁰ **Hebrews 2:8; 1 Corinthians 15:27; Ephesians 1:22-23**

²¹ **Matthew 28:18; John 3:35**

²² **Matthew 16:28**

²³ **Philippians 1:6**

²⁴ **Luke 21:19**. Note: possess or gain is rendered in the *aorist middle imperative*.

²⁵ **Hebrews 12:1**

²⁶ **James 1:3-4**

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Hebrews 10:35-39

Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. **For you have need of endurance**, so that when you have ~~done~~ **been doing** the will of God, you may **choose to** receive what was promised. FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE, HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY. BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM. But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

WE SIMPLY MUST BE WILLING TO KEEP ON BEING WILLING.

Saved for a Purpose.

Wrapping it all up, **Yahweh Yasha** saves us, or frees us to live as a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of God's own possession, so that we may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light. We were once not a people, but now we are the people of God. We had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.²⁷

We have been set free with a purpose—to be a part of something truly awesome and to live as an heir of light. And since it was for freedom that Christ set us free, we are to keep standing firm and not allow ourselves to once again be subject to, or literally entrapped by, a yoke of slavery.²⁸ As free people, we are to remain unshackled from the law, my law, your law, and anyone's laws of religious requirements. In fact, we are commanded to reject all attempts by anyone to hold us to any form of religious bondage. **We are sons who have been set free.**

With that said, the Spirit desires us to not use our freedom as an opportunity for the *flesh*, but through *agape* love, to serve one another. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."²⁹ It is how a child of light, a

²⁷ **1 Peter 2:9-10; Hosea 1:10, 2:23**

²⁸ **Galatians 5:1**

²⁹ **Galatians 5:13**

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possession of God, naturally functions. Therefore, as free men and women, set free by **Yahweh Yasha**, we are not to use our freedom as a covering for evil (to excuse evil and religious indulgences), but as bondservants of God. In short, He wants us to honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, and honor the king.³⁰

Yahweh Yasha releases the captives, He saves us, and sets free the oppressed so we might live as His royal priests, His personal possession, and the objects of His great mercy in **unrestrained freedom**, with purpose and intention—to love as we have been loved.

³⁰ **1 Peter 2:16-17**