

# DINNER TABLE DISCUSSIONS

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NAI, KYRI  
L'EL, ELY  
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YAHWEH  
MAL SHAD  
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YAHWEH  
H-SABA  
REH, JEH  
L. JEHOVA  
H-JIREH  
H. EL 'OL  
REH, JEH

JUAI, YAH  
H. YAHWEH  
HWEH-SABA  
H-YIR'EH, JE  
BAOTH, JEHO  
I. JEHOVAH-JIRE  
IOVAH, EL 'OLAM  
H-JIREH, JEHOVA'S  
'OLAM, YAHWEH-T  
JEHOVA'S SHALOM  
YAHWEH- OKENU, Y  
SHALOM, YAHWEH-SH  
SIDKENU, YAHWEH-M'KA  
AHWEH-SHALOM, I AM, EL  
U. YAHWEH' ODESH, A  
EH-SHA EL ELO

JEHOVA  
VAH-JIRE  
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I. JEHOVAH  
M. YAHWEH-  
SH-SHALOM, Y  
TSIDKENU, YAH  
I, YAHWEH-SHAL  
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-SHALOM, I AM, EL  
M'KADDESH, ADONAI, KYRIOS, FI-ROL YAH  
AM, EL, E 'HIM, 'EL, ELYON, 'E' SHADDAI,  
. ADONAI KYRIOS, EL-ROI, YAH  
-IM, 'EL, YON, 'EL SHADD  
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YAHWEH  
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OM, I AM, EL, I  
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EL ELDHIM, 'E  
ADONAI, KYRIOS, E  
HIM, 'EL, ELYON, 'E  
SHADDAI,  
EH-SHAM  
HADDAL  
IMAH, YA  
L. YAHWE

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I-YIR'EH  
BAOTH

DISCOVERING THE GREATNESS OF GOD

# JEHOVAH IMMEKA

“The Lord is with You”



## FOR THE GROUP LEADER

Hello and welcome to the **DINNER TABLE DISCUSSIONS**. We encourage you to gather around the dining room table, share these PDF notes with the group on WhatsApp or email and get ready to be transformed.

Group Leaders, please ask one of the people in your group to open with a prayer.

### STEP #1 - ACCOUNTABILITY

*Reflect on the Action Steps from last week's Dinner Table Conversation.*

*Were you able to put them into practice?*

### STEP #2 - READ THROUGH THE NOTES

We are going to read through some notes. Let's take turns reading a paragraph and sharing what catches your attention

**NOTES TO READ OUT LOUD:**

## Immeka

This I Am series has been guided by

### **Proverbs 18: 10 (NLT)**

*“The name of the LORD is a strong fortress; the godly run to him and are safe.”*

We have learnt various names of God which have revealed God’s nature and character. The last name we will learn about is Jehovah Immeka, “the Lord is with you”.

### **Judges 6: 1- 16 (NLT)**

*“The Israelites did evil in the LORD’s sight. So, the LORD handed them over to the Midianites for seven years. The Midianites were so cruel that the Israelites made hiding places for themselves*

*in the mountains, caves, and strongholds.*

*Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, marauders from Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east would attack Israel, camping in the land and destroying crops as far away as Gaza. They left the Israelites with nothing to eat, taking all the sheep, goats, cattle, and donkeys. These enemy hordes, coming with their livestock and tents, were as thick as locusts; they arrived on droves of camels too numerous to count. And they stayed until the land was stripped bare. So Israel was reduced to starvation by the Midianites. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help.”*

### READER 3

*When they cried out to the LORD because of Midian, the LORD sent a prophet to the Israelites. He said, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of slavery in Egypt. I rescued you from the Egyptians and from all who oppressed you. I drove out your enemies and gave you their land. I told you, ‘I am the*

*LORD your God. You must not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you now live.’ But you have not listened to me.”*

#### READER 4

*Then the angel of the LORD came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon, son of Joash, was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said, “Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!”*

#### READER 5

*“Sir,” Gideon replied, “if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn’t they say, ‘The LORD brought us up out of Egypt’?”*

*But now the LORD has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites.”*

## READER 6

*Then the LORD turned to him and said, “Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!” “But Lord,” Gideon replied, “how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!” The LORD said to him, “I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man.”*

## READER 7

There are four points we can learn from this story that can help us to understand that we can trust God.

1. Know that God does not orchestrate but allows tough times for a reason

Israel struggled for 7 years before they cried to God for help. They had come to rely on their own resources and strengths to overcome issues so much so, that they forgot God. God did not punish the Israelites for doing evil by sending the Midianites, but He did promise to be with the Israelites in the face of difficulty. He communicated this to them via Gideon when they cried out to Him. And so, these tough times brought the Israelites back to God.

## READER 8

2. Know that God sees more in you than you see in yourself

While we may be slow to turn to God, He is not slow to respond. We read so in Verses 7-8, where

the Israelites cry out to God and He responds by sending them a Prophet. Interestingly, God chose a man who was hiding in the winepress, fearful and of little faith. Gideon gives a list of reasons why he is not fit to do what God called him to, yet God still called him Mighty Hero. God saw what He was about to make Gideon, and only asked Gideon to trust Him. God sees more in you than you see in yourself because God sees Himself with you.

## READER 9

3. Know that His presence comes with His promise.

Gideon thought God had abandoned the Israelites and this was the reason for their suffering. He was fearful. But God continued to tell Gideon to go in the strength he had, and that He, God, would go with him. God did not ask Gideon to be anything more than who he was, and He did promise to go with him. God is not



going to save us before the fire or the tough time, but He will bring us through it. You shall not be burned because of Jehovah Immeka. He is with you.

## READER 10

4. Know that true victory comes from God's strengths, not ours

Not only did God choose an unlikely candidate in the form of the fearful, hesitant Gideon, He then more than halved Gideon's army. God wants to glorify His name by partnering with people who are dependent on Him. He demonstrated this by creating a moment of human weakness to exalt His own strength. Accomplishing God's purposes are not on our strength but His. He asks us to partner with and trust Him, and He goes with us to undertake the tasks to bring glory to Himself.

We are able to partner with God because He sent Jesus Christ to die on the cross for us. We can enter into this partnership by believing and having faith in Jesus. Because of what Jesus did on the cross, we are assured victory and can be confident in Jehovah Immeka.

### **STEP #3 - SHARE YOUR HIGHLIGHT**

Which part of Sunday's service, summarized above, stood out to you, got you thinking, or challenged you the most?

### **STEP #4 - REFLECTION**

Below is a list of questions to discuss as a group:

- What does Jehovah Immeka mean to you?

- How does knowing Jehovah Immeke change how you face your battles?
- Can you recall a time you went in the strength you had, and God did the rest? Share if you feel comfortable
- How does knowing that God wants us to go in His strength, not our own, change your approach to your struggles?
- How does knowing that we are refined by fire change your mind toward the fire?
- Why does Jesus Christ assure us of access to God and victory?

## **STEP #5 - CHOOSE YOUR ACTION STEP**

- Choose a question to reflect on
- Reflect on where you are using your own strength to face your battles or think God has abandoned you. How can you respond differently after learning about Jehovah Immeke?

## CLOSING

Close off in prayer. You could choose a question to pray about or consider the areas in each group member's life that they need to surrender to God.

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