

Hello, New Covenant. I'm Judy Checker. I'm a Jewish follower of Jesus, and I wanted to read to you the Dayenu, which means: "It would have been enough."

It's sort of a prayer, poem, song of gratitude to God for all that He's done for us through the years. And when I say us, I mean universally, for mankind, all the things that God has given us. And He was under no obligation to do so. And remember that -- year after year -- and bring it to the forefront of our minds.

I would like to remind you before we start that this is a universal message. It's not just for the Jews, many other groups have used this story of freedom from slavery as their liberation story. It's inspirational for all of us.

I would have a hard time doing this without mentioning what's going on in Gaza today and in Israel, I think we should have them foremost in our minds when we're doing this. And that we should be praying that God would do the impossible for them as well, and bring peace, a lasting peace between the Jews and the Palestinians in Israel, and that we would have compassion for the other in our lives, and in their lives.

That God would raise up leaders like Martin Luther King, like Nelson Mandela, who could see a vision for how to get from here to there. God has done this before, God can do it again. I have faith that He will bring us out of this, even if we can't see how. There's a lot of healing that needs to happen. And of course, we have to stop the killing.

So with that in mind, let's look back and give thanks for all the times that God has led us and shown us that He's alive and that He cares about our faith, and that He can deliver us.

I also don't know how to sing ... so.

*Day - day-enu. Dayenu. Dayenu.*

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"It would have been enough" is what that means.

If He had brought us from slavery, and not divided the sea for us, *it would have been enough.*

If He had divided the sea for us, and not made us pass through on dry land, *it would have been enough.*

If He had made us pass through on dry land and not supplied us with manna in the wilderness, *it would have been enough.*

If He had fed us with manna and given us the Sabbath, and brought us to Mount Sinai, *it would have been enough.*

If He had brought us to Mount Sinai and not given us the Law, *it would have been enough.*

If He had given us the Law and not led us to the land of Israel, *it would have been enough.*

If He had led us to the land of Israel and not built the Temple, *it would have been enough.*

How much more then are we indebted and thankful that He has bestowed on us, for what He has bestowed on us, and in the fullness of time, God brings forth our Messiah, the manna of our lives, the bread of life.

For God's numerous kindnesses, we are forever grateful.

